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DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS.

TO-DAY.

(March 19.)

New Zealand Films to be shown
at Chinese Y.M.C.A., Hong Kong,
7.30 p.m.

Athletics.—Queen's College Sports
(Causeway Bay), noon; St.
Stephen's College Sports (Stanley).

Cricket.—Division I.: Kowloon
C.C. v. Navy (L.), Craigengower
C.C. v. Royal Artillery (F.), Uni-
versity v. Hong Kong C.C. (F.);
Division II.: R.A.S.C. v. Uni-
versity (L.).

Football.—Senior Shield: Border-
ers v. Police; Junior Shield: Club
or Argylls v. Royal Air Force, Bor-
derers v. Twelfth Battery; First
Division: Navy v. St. Joseph's;
Third Division: Royal Engineers
v. Recreation.

Annual Meeting of the Bank of
East Asia, 3 p.m.

Oxford and Cambridge Dinner,
Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden, 8
p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Sleeping
Cardinal."

Central Theatre: "Around the
World in 80 Minutes."

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sula Hotel and King's Restaurant.

European Mail.—Outward:
Europe via Suez (Katori Maru)
9.30 a.m.

SUNDAY.

(March 20.)

Palm Sunday.

Steeplechasing: Fanling Hunt
Meet (Kwanti).

Cricket.—Division II. (League):
Indian Recreation Club v. Royal
Army Service Corps.

Central Theatre: "Around the
World in 80 Minutes."

Queen's Theatre: "Beau Hunkle."

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Feel."

Star Theatre: "Paid."

World Theatre: "Soul and
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JUSTICE NOW AND FIFTY YEARS AGO.

An interesting coincidence was
noticed at the annual meeting of
British Law Society recently. This
is the centenary year of the incor-
poration of the society and the ju-
bilee year of a big legal reform for
which the society fought for forty
years—the centralisation of the
higher courts of justice in London.

It is hard to realise that only fifty
years ago the principal courts of
law were still at Westminster Hall,
or, rather, abutted on the north
wall of the Hall. Some of the sta-
tues now in the vestibule of the
House of Commons stood along the
south wall, at the foot of them were
old women who sold oranges, ap-
ples, biscuits and milk to the men
of law. In those days, particularly
as there were no tubes or telephones
—and no Shaftesbury-avenue or
Charing Cross-road, Kingsway, or
Aldwych—the position of the courts
at Westminster entailed great in-
convenience. Things might have
been better if all the courts and the
court offices had been concentrated
there, but the Queen's Bench offices
were in Mitre-court, Temple, the
Judges' Chambers were in Ser-
jeant's Inn, the three Vice-Chancel-
lors and an additional Chancery
Judge sat in Lincoln's Inn, the
Master of the Rolls was in a fourth
place, and the Court of Common
Place in a fifth.

DICKENS DAYS.

The courts still had a distinct
Dickensian flavour. Right up to
the end the "Bear Garden" (Jud-
ges' Chambers) was a shockingly
noisy place where, there being no
list of summonses, everybody clam-
oured for his turn. Mr. E. B.
Spence tells us that the solicitors'
clerks (most of whom were never
seen again after the opening of the
Law Courts) had a regular "tariff
for time." If the other side wanted
a delay which the judge might not
grant they were taken to Prosser's,
in Chancery-lane, and regaled with
beer—the more time, the more beer.

LINK WITH THE PAST.

It was in 1885 that, after a sus-
tained agitation by the Law So-
ciety, Parliament decided to erect
a mighty building where "all the
higher courts, with the exception of

the Privy Council, would be to-
gether, but it was not till 1882 that
the building in the Strand was com-
pleted and opened as that "certain
place" where, in accordance with
Magna Charta, a representative of
Sovereign Justice may always be
found. There was an interesting
link between the old courts and the
new. The last case to be heard at
Westminster was the celebrated one
of *Belt v. Lawes*. "Lawes had said
that a certain piece of sculpture
which Belt purported to have exe-
cuted was not in fact done by
him, and, as a practical means of
deciding whether Belt was genuine
or not, a room was set aside for him
at Westminster Hall, and there, un-
der the eye of a guard, he produced
a model which was good enough to
secure for him a verdict of £5,000
damages. The first case at the new
Law Courts was an application to
set this verdict aside.

MR. BULL THE CON- TRACTOR.

It is rather odd that such an im-
portant edifice as the Royal Courts
of Justice should have been erected,
not by a London contractor, but by
one in Southampton—Mr. Henry
Bull. The 35,000,000 bricks came
from Chandlersford, Hampshire.
Mr. Bull's yard is still in existence,
between Mill-bank-street and Be-
vois-street, Southampton, though it
has long been occupied by somebody
else. Few people, doubtless, have
ever noticed the stone image of
Mr. Bull overlooking the quadran-
gle of the Law Courts on the north-
ern side. It is a fitting memorial
to a man who stuck valiantly to his
great contract although it ruined
him. For there was a prolonged
strike of masons, and other delays
beyond his control, and eight years
elapsed from the beginning of the
work to the end. Southampton peo-
ple came to the aid of Mr. Bull to
enable him to carry on; one, it is
said, lost his reason through the
worry in which he was involved.

800 APARTMENTS.

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LONDON LAW COURTS JUBILEE.

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the cellage by, included, number nearly 800. Nor does he know of its queer and varied resources. It has its own electricity supply. It has a blacksmith's forge. It has a printing shop, a book-binding shop, its own plumbers, electricians, carpenters, etc. And of course it has its own bars. There was once a controversy as to whether the Courts of Justice being technically a royal palace, the bars were amenable to the licensing laws. The point is still unsettled, but to avoid trouble the bars observe the hours of the City of Westminster.

CHANCE FOR CONVICTS!

Curiously enough, there was, until quite recently, an unfurnished trap door through which a determined prisoner, brought to the Law Courts to hear his appeal, might well have made a bid to escape. It is under the linoleum in the corridor outside the cells, and leads to a tunnel, from which escape to the street would be quite easy. A little while ago it was thought as well to fasten this door.

THE LAW COURTS CLOCK.

Perhaps the greatest curiosity of the Law Courts is the clock, which, beautifully chased, must have told the time to millions of people. It was designed in 1882 by a working carpenter in the Midlands who could neither read nor write, and, soon after it was put up, he died. The makers afterwards tried to make a clock for St. James's Palace after the same design, but the duplicate was a puzzling failure, and it is generally thought there is some mystery about the principle of balance and escapement in the Law Courts clock which was understood only by the carpenter. Certainly it is a magnificent time-keeper, and is about the only big public clock in London that does not need regular synchronisation with Greenwich.

550 CASES TRIED.

In fifty years some 550,000 suits have been tried at the Law Courts. There are no plans for a jubilee celebration. Yet it is just possible that the anniversary will be marked in highly practical fashion. In opening the Courts Queen Victoria expressed the hope that they would "conduce to the more efficient and speedy administration of justice." Few laymen would say the Law Courts are speedy. At this moment some 4,000 litigants are awaiting judgment. Suits in which the writs were issued eighteen months ago have still to be heard. Ten months is the average period which the litigant must wait after his case is ready. From time to time there has been talk of reform. Last summer, following representations by the London Chamber of Commerce, the Lord Chancellor went as far as saying that he had reforms in hand, and in the past week the Attorney-General has said something similar. So perhaps in this jubilee year we shall see changes which will take all the sting out of the remark of the cabman who was requested by Lord Coleridge to drive to the Courts of Justice, and who asked where they were. "You a London cabman and don't know where the Law Courts are?" To which the "cobby" replied, "Oh, but you said the Courts of Justice."

THE "CRATER GOD"

ROPE AND FIVE BUNDLES OF CLOTHES.

Batavia.—A rope hanging over the crater wall and five neatly rolled bundles of clothes found near the crater have provided the clue to the mystery of the disappearance of five Japanese men who, three months ago, left for the Merapi Volcano, led by a fanatical compatriot. The theory is that the five men, after appearing, naked, before the "Crater God," sacrificed themselves to him.

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These king songsters from Germany are becoming increasingly popular in England, and last year 37,000 were sold to members of the British Roller Canaries Association.

PRAY SILENCE FOR

FAMOUS TOASTMASTER'S ONE MISTAKE.

"Pray silence for Admiral of the Fleet Earl Haig" was the extraordinary announcement once made by the famous toastmaster, Mr. William Knight-Smith, who has just died at his home at Shepherd's Bush. It was almost his only mistake.

For forty years Mr. Knight-Smith, with stentorian voice and scarlet coat, had been a toastmaster and master of ceremonies, attending hundreds of functions, at many of which the Prince of Wales was present.

He had many amusing experiences, perhaps the most famous being when he endeavoured to silence an official interpreter.

It was on the occasion when General Botha was being entertained at a London dinner and his speech, delivered in Dutch, was translated into English. The Women's Suffrage Movement was at its height at the time, and there was always a possibility that meetings would be interrupted.

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7 p.m.—Mail notice.
9.40 to 1.30 p.m.—

Variety.

Organ Solo—"I Found You."
Organ Solo—"Wrap Your Troubles in Dreams."—Terence Casey.—DB537.
Vocal Duet—"The Land of Smiles—You Are My Heart's Delight."
Vocal Duet—"Walkin' my Baby Back Home."—Layton and Johnstone.—DB532.
Piano Solo—"Song Hits—Medley."—Billy Mayerl.—DB534.
Song—"Lovely Lady."
Song—"Just Two Hearts and a Waltz Refrain."—Jack Plant (Baritone).—DB535.
Organ Solo—"Lonesome Lover."
Organ Solo—"The Song is Done."—Reginald Foort.—DB549.
Vocal Quartette—"You Were my Salvation."
Vocal Quartette—"Please Don't Talk About me When I'm Gone."—The Big Four.—DB541.
Orchestral—"Can't You Understand?"—Guy Lombardo and his Royal Grenadiers.—2089-D.
Vocal Duet—"Would You Take Me Back Again?"
Vocal Duet—"We Two."—Layton and Johnstone.—DB560.
7.30 to 3 p.m.—

Band Selections.

"The Beggar's Opera—Selection" (Gay-Austin).—Reg. Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.—927R.
"On the Quarter Deck" (Alford).
"Ellesmere March" (Grace).—Reg. Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.—744R.
"Morning, Noon and Night—Overture" (Van Suppe).—National Military Band.—9013R.
"The Old Frog Pond" (Alford).
"Parade of the Elephants" (Chenette).—Reg. Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.—DB597.
5 p.m.—Local time and weather report 8.05 to 8.25 p.m.—
"Sonata" (Patheque) in C Minor (Beethoven, Op. 13).—William Murdoch (Pianist).—9362/9363.
8.22 to 8.52 p.m.—

Operatic.

"The Barber of Seville—Overture" (Rossini).—Percy Pitt conducting the B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra.—9166.
"Faust—Jewel Song" (Gounod).
"Romeo and Juliet—Waltz Song" (Gounod).—Gertrude Johnson (Soprano).—9193.
"Carmen—Selections" (Bizet).—Percy Pitt conducting the B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra.—9125.
"Il Trovatore—Tempest of the Heart" (Verdi).—Dennis Noble (Baritone).—9558.
3.52 to 9.30 p.m.—

A Concert.

Piano Solo—"Romance in E Flat" (Rubinstein).
Piano Solo—"Hark, Hark, The Lark" (Schubert).—Ignas Friedman.—D1830.
Song—"Comin' Thru the Rye."—Doris Vane (Soprano).—9167.
Violin Solo—"Zapatendo" (Sarasate).
Violin Solo—"Liebesleid" (Kreisler).—Efrem Zimbalist.—9050.
Song—"Good Night" (Shelley and Davis).
Song—"Fill a Glass with Golden Wine (Hensley and Quilter).—Hubert Eisdell (Tenor).—DB593.
Overture—"The Bohemian Girl—Then You'll Remember Me" (Balle arr. Sear).
Overture—"Maritana—Sonnet That Are Brightest" (Wallace arr. Sear).—J.H. Squire (Soloist).—9107.
10.30 p.m.—Rugby mid-day Press news.
(Continued on next column.)

TO-DAY AT THE CINEMA.

HONG KONG.

Central.
"Around the World in 80 Minutes."Queen's.
"The Sleeping Cardinal." A British, Sherlock Holmes Thriller.King's.
"The Cheat."World.
"Thunder."

KOWLOON.

Star.
"A Warm Corner." With Leslie Henson.

COMING.

Central.
"To-night a Never." "Corsair."Queen's.
"Beau Hunk." Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy.
"W. Plan."King's.
"Young As You Feel." "The Man I Killed." "Sunshine Sue." "Palmy Days."World.
"Soul and Flesh." Chinese picture. "A Man's Man." "Say It With Songs." "Robin Hood."Star.
"Paid." "Sea Bat." "Whoops."

11.30 p.m.—Close down.
All records in the above European programmes are supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

SUNDAY.

11 to 12.15 p.m.—Relay of Service from the Union Church, Kennedy Road.
Palm Sunday.

Premier—"The Rev. Mr. E. G. Powell."
Order of Service.

Hymn—"Oh Worship the King." Invocation.
Lord's Prayer.

Hymn—"All People That on Earth do Dwell."
Scripture Reading.

Hymn—"All Glory, Laud, and Honour." Prayer.

Offertory Prayer.
Hymn—"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded."

Sermon—"Dare We Follow Christ?"
Hymn—"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go."

National Anthem.
Benediction.

12.15 to 2 p.m.—Chinese programme.
1 p.m.—Local time and weather report.

2 p.m.—Close down.
ORGAN RECITAL FROM THE UNION CHURCH.

8 to 10 p.m.—European programme.
8 p.m.—Local time and weather report.

8.05 to 8.35 p.m.—An Organ Recital by Mr. G. E. Longyear from the Union Church, Kennedy Road.

Programme.

1—"Bridal March" (Goldman).
2—"Spring Song" (Saulkes).
3—"Largo" (Dvorak).
4—"Priere" (Devrod).
5—"Stabat Mater" (Rossini).

8.35 to 10 p.m.—A Selection of records from Z.B.W.'s Library.

8.35 to 8.50 p.m.—"Lyric Suite" (Grieg, Op. 34)—Played by the Royal Albert Hall Orchestra conducted by Sir Landon Ronald.

(a) "Shepherd's Boy" (b) Norwegian Rustic March (c) "Nocturne" (d) "March of the Dwarfs."

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IRVING PICHEL

MOVIE NEWS

On the Screen in Hong Kong.

"THE CHEAT."

Irving Pichel "the villain" in "The Cheat" was born in Pittsburgh. In 1914 he entered Harvard to study medicine. He made his stage debut in "Hamlet" with the Cuckoo Square Stock Company in Boston. In 1916 he went to California and produced plays in Los Angeles. While in this work he met Violette Wilson, a stage actress from Berkeley, Calif., and married her. With the bride he appeared a season at the Artists Guild Theatre in St. Louis. After the World War he devoted a season to the Little Theatre at Detroit and their own national prominence as a stage director for Lee Shubert. Declined post as director general of the Theatre Guild because he wanted to establish his home in Berkeley. Aided in producing the first plays given in University of California's Greek Theatre. Aided in establishing Berkeley's Little Theatre in which the first Eugene O'Neill plays were presented. Served in the same role for Santa Barbara, then for a year occupied the place of dramatic critic for the *San Francisco Daily News*. Also lectured on theatre at the various West Coast schools. Is author of "Modern Theatres," widely used as a text in university dramatic courses. Accepted an offer from Metro-Goldwyn to write and spend six months preparing screen plays. Decided adding suited him better than writing and accepted Paramount's offer for "The Right to Love" with Ruth Chatterton. Clicked at once and his later work in "Murder by the Clock," "Road to Reno" and "American Tragedy" proved him capable of excellent portrayals in divergent types of rôle. Likes his part in "The Cheat" which is now showing at the King's Theatre better than any he has had. Has three sons. Is six feet tall. Weighs 135 pounds and has brown hair and eyes.

NEW SONG HIT.

FEATURED IN COLOURTONE REVUE FILM.

"If You'll Boop-boop-a-deep with Me" is the title of the newest song hit from Gus Edwards' piano. It makes its debut in "The Baby Follies," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's novel all-talking-singing-and-dancing colour-tone revue which comes to-morrow to the Queen's Theatre with the Laurel and Hardy comedy "Beau Hunk." Edwards, noted

"ROUND THE WORLD IN 80 MINUTES."

FASCINATING FACTS IN DOUG'S NEW FILM.

The five main countries of the Orient become an open book for the eyes of the western world in the new adventure film, "Around the World in 80 Minutes" with Douglas Fairbanks, opening at the Central Theatre to-day.

The sound camera takes in the strange facts and places of China, Japan, Siam, Indo-China and India through which Doug and three companions roved on their expedition. Interesting incidents in the Hawaiian Islands and the Philippines are included in scenes of the film, which is released by the United Artists.

Doug was aided in his search for real adventure by the hospitality of the celebrities and rulers of the Oriental lands. By elephant, camel and automobile conveyances provided by potentates he penetrated into the interiors of the various countries. In the party with Doug were Victor Fleming, noted director, "Chuck" Lewis, production manager, and Henry Sharp, cameraman.

Sacred Places.

There are visits to sacred places, scenes of native life, their superstitions, sports and industries. There are leopard and tiger hunts in Indo-China, amusement at the royal palace in Siam, and strange and fascinating facts about colourful India.

From the last-named country the audience is taken the rest of the way around to Hollywood at a speed of several thousand miles a minute by means of the Magic Carpet which Fairbanks introduced once before in the "Thief of Baghdad."

Out of more than 200,000 feet of film shot during the expedition, Fairbanks has assembled the most interesting features and presents them in eighty minutes actual running time. He was aided in this task by the collaboration of Robert Sherwood, playwright and humorist.

discovery of child talent, staged the revue of "baby stars" as well as supply new musical numbers. Douglas Scott, 4-year-old film actor, heads the cast as "master-of-ceremonies."



GOSSIP & FACT.



The Best Pay.

"Men Like These," the British International submarine epic, is being shown at two New York theatres and one in Brooklyn. This reception, and the worldwide looking of "Service for Ladies" prove again that good films pay best.

Heather Thatcher.

Miss Heather Thatcher has been definitely given the chief feminine rôle opposite Robert Montgomery in Ivor Novello's "The Truth Game"—a great chance for her, in view of Montgomery's sudden jump to fame.

What London Likes

A London critic recommended the following as "films of the week." "Private Lives" (Empire). Well, noted and well-directed version of Coward's amusing comedy. "The Quilty Generation" (New Gallery). Leo Carillo, the new star, in one of the best of all gangster pictures. "Over the Hill" (Capitol). The aged melodrama has been redressed, and thanks to good acting by James Dunn, Sally Eilers, and Mae Marsh, will vastly entertain the sentimental.

"Fires of Fate."

Yet another B.I.P. director has left Elstree to direct a new film production in Africa. Norman Walker, who is to direct "The Fires of Fate," has proceeded in advance of his company to Egypt to perfect arrangements for filming in the Sudan. "The Fires of Fate," a film version of the late Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's famous book, tells the story of a man, who has been given but six months more to live, and his subsequent adventures in the desert which culminate in a fierce fight with a raiding tribe. The Egyptian Government has promised every assistance to Walker.

Rene Clair's Genius.

By "Sous les Toits de Paris" and "Le Million" Rene Clair established himself as the most original of film directors. He has also set a standard by which any picture he makes will be criticised. His new film, "A Nous la Liberté," which was given its first public exhibition before a London audience which included the Queen of Norway is in many ways an advance on his previous work.

It is an advance because he has cut down dialogue to vanishing point. If you did not understand French, the meaning of the film would be quite clear. Also, significant use is made of sound, which has been cleverly welded into George Auria's music. The intentional reminiscences of "City Lights," "Metropolis," "Mack Sennett's slap-stick comedies and even Dr. Caligari are not faults. Rene Clair has intentionally translated this universal language of the screen into his own idiom of

musical fantasy. How two convicts one of whom escapes and makes a fortune as a mass manufacturer of gramophones, discover that factory life and wealth are as much the enemy of freedom as a prison, is told with unflagging wit, mordant satire and, best of all, infectious gaiety.

"London Wall."

The first B.I.P. production to take the Elstree floor after a temporary closing-down for re-equipment, will be "London Wall," a film version of John Van Druten's well-known play of city life.

The cast includes Heather Angel and Frank Lawton as the young lovers; Viola Lyle, whose success as Maggie in "Hobson's Choice" will be recalled and Garry Marsh, as humorous villain. The principal backgrounds for the film are these daily familiar to workers in the metropolis. London streets, London shops, restaurants, offices and lodgings and even London Bridge and the ancient remains of London Wall itself will be filmed.

"Casanova."

Sir Oswald Stoll's next production at the Coliseum will be "Casanova," which, like "White Horse Inn," has been a big success in Berlin says a Home Paper.

This, too, will also be produced by Erik Charoll, who staged it in Berlin on a remarkably spectacular scale. "Casanova" deals with some of the love affairs of the famous Venetian Don Juan of the eighteenth century, whose scandalous adventures are such a favourite topic of historical romances. The play opens in Venice. Then the action passes to Spain, where Casanova abducts a nun from a convent; this provides occasion for striking procession scenes of nuns and tondorens. Yet another phase of the drama takes place in Vienna. The music of "Casanova" is by Strauss.

Miriam Hopkins.

Born in Savannah, Georgia, and reared in the traditions of the Old South. Educated in private schools in the south and at Goddard Seminary, Vermont, and Syracuse University. Enrolled in school of professional dancing in New York. Volunteered for benefit show for Near East relief and afterward discovered that man who applied dirt-streaks to her face to make her look poverty-stricken was Herbert Hoover. Signed for round-the-world tour with ballet troupe, but suffered broken ankle on day she was to sail. Won Broadway fame in "Little Jesse James." Lured from stage by Paramount and scored in "East and Loose" and "The Smiling Lieutenant." "The Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." Student of art, music and literature. Likes to live by a beach the year-round.

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1. All members are reminded that the following parades must be attended by every one possible:—
Monday, March 21; Tuesday, March 22.

2. Attention of all is called to Corps Orders No. 8/32 para. 2 with reference to parade for G.O.C.'s Inspection on Tuesday, March 22.

Battery.—

Attention of all members is called to general orders for G.O.C.'s Inspection, parade on Tuesday, March 22. Every member must attend.

Corps Signals.—

All members must attend the Annual Inspection on Tuesday, March 22.

Machine Gun Troop.—
Parade on Thursday, March 23, at 5.15 p.m., sharp, at Volunteer Headquarters for G.O.C.'s Inspection.

Dress: Helmets, jackets, breeches, blue puttees, black boots, spurs, bandoliers, rifles, rifle slings and bayonets.

Armoured Car Company.—

Car Section: After the G.O.C.'s Inspection on Tuesday, March 22 there will be no parades until further notice.

Machine Gun Company.—

1. The Company will parade at full strength on Tuesday, March 22 for the Inspection by the General Officer Commanding at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters in uniform.

Dress: Helmets, jackets, medals, belts, sidearms, rifles, slings, shorts, hose-tops, puttees and black boots.

2. The Company will parade in multi on Tuesday, March 20 at 5.30 p.m. C.S.M. Slattery will take all recruits for passing out into training platoons; the remainder: Machine Gun training under Platoon arrangements.

3. Lieut. H. Owen-Hughes will command the Company on the parade on March 22.

4. Musketry. Platoon Commanders will warn all who have not yet fired Part II. Musketry to fire at the Peak Range on Sunday, March 20 at 9 a.m.

Range Officer: Lieut. H. Owen-Hughes.
Dress: Multi or uniform optional but rifles, belts and side-arms and pouches must be taken.

5. Corps Rifle Meeting: Platoon Commanders will see that all teams as entered turn up, and the Officer Commanding Company trusts that the Company will repeat its successes of last year.

6. Company Dance: The Company Dance was a financial loss and in order to keep the Company Funds going it will be necessary to ask each member to contribute \$1. Platoon Sergeants will please arrange to collect after the parade on Friday, March 18 and will make up nominal rolls to facilitate collections.

Scottish Company.—

1. Parades, Thursday, March 24 at 5.30 p.m.

No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock under 2nd Lieut. T. P. Saunderson.

No. 7 Platoon at Headquarters quarters under 2nd Lieut. A. W. Brown.

Machine Gun Instruction.

2. G.O.C.'s Inspection: Attention is drawn to Orders already issued.

Portuguese Company.—

1. Lewis Gun Classification Practices will be held at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, March 20. Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 8 a.m. and Kowloon at 8.10 a.m.
Range Officer: 2nd Lieut. J. H. Lawrence.

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2. Similar Practices will be held on April 3 and 10 and Tests for those who are sufficiently forward to qualify for the L.G. Badges. All ranks are therefore urged to make the most of the opportunities afforded by the use of this Range.

3. All ranks are reminded of the G.O.C.'s Inspection on March 22 and requested to attend in full strength.

A.A.L.A. Company.—

1. The A.P.C. Section will parade at 5.30 p.m. at North Point on Thursday, 24th instant.

2. The Portuguese Section will parade at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters on Friday, 25th instant.

The Officers Commanding the undementioned Units will issue their Orders separately to their Commands:

I. Engineer Company.
II. Armoured Car Company.
Motor Cycle Section.

Hong Kong Area Small Arms Meeting.

The Hong Kong Area Small Arms Meeting will take place on the Kowloon Rifle Ranges on April 7 and 8, 1932.

Programmes will be issued to all Units as soon as possible. (Extract from Area Orders No. 296 of March 15, 1932).

Rifles for G.O.C.'s Inspection.
All Rifles must be drawn from Store for the G.O.C.'s Inspection before 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 22nd inst.

A.A.L.A. Company.

The attention of members of the Reserve Company is directed to the formation of the Anti-Aircraft Light Automatic Company. Conditions of service have been drafted specially to conform to the limited obligations required from Senior Members of the Reserve Company and it is hoped that all members over 40 who are not in service of other Companies will transfer to this new Unit. Full particulars may be had on application to Headquarters.

Annual Rifle Meeting.

Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m. on both days, March 25 and 26, calling at Kowloon ten minutes later.

On Friday, March 25, the launch will leave Stonecutters on return at about 5 p.m. and on Saturday, March 26 at 12.15 p.m.

Transfer.

No. 1640 Bdm. A. P. Ozorio, Corps Band, is transferred to No. 12 Platoon as from March 18, 1932.

Promotions.

No. 1314 Cpl. A. Chapman, No. 7 Platoon, Promoted Sergeant with effect from March 17, 1932.

No. 1068 Cpl. G. G. Stopani-Thomson, No. 7 Platoon, promoted Lance Sergeant with effect from March 17, 1932.

No. 1285 L/Bdr. A. Laughton, Battery, promoted Bombardier with effect from March 18, 1932.

No. 1226 L/Bdr. A. S. Bliss, Battery, promoted Bombardier with effect from March 18, 1932.

No. 1561 L/Bdr. C. W. L. Cole, Battery, promoted Bombardier with effect from March 16, 1932.

Struck Off the Strength.

HAVING COMPLETED 3 YEARS' SERVICE.

No. 1337 L/Cpl. L. Fernandes, Corps Band, as from March 18, 1932.

No. 1333 Bdm. A. Fernandes, Corps Band, as from March 18, 1932.

ON MEDICAL GROUNDS.

No. 1315 L/Cpl. L. Weill, Machine Gun Troop, as from March 11, 1932.

No. 1370 L/Cgt. J. Murray, Reserve Company, as from February 2, 1932.

PERMITTED TO RESIGN.

No. 573 Sergt. V. Goulborn, Reserve Company, as from March 14, 1932.

Strength.

The following have been taken on the Strength:—

No. 1794 Pte. H. F. Shields, c/o Dr. E. C. Humphreys, Alexandra Building, M. Cycle Section, March 14, 1932.

No. 1795 Pte. R. A. J. Simpson, Sanitary Department, No. Platoon, March 15, 1932.

Leave.

Lieut. H. G. Williams, Motor Cycle Section, returned from leave March 14, 1932.

Lieut. G. Duncan, M.B.E., Reserve of Officers, returned from leave on February 23, 1932.

Lieut. H. Pooley, A.S.O. Cadre, granted 3 months' leave from March 15 to December 14, 1932.

No. 1004 Sergt. A. Urquhart, No. 2 Platoon, granted 3 months' leave from Feb. 1 to April 30, 1932.

No. 1690 Pte. F. J. T. Locke, No. 1 Platoon, granted 2 months' leave from March 12 to May 12, 1932.

No. 1219 Pte. B. E. F. White, No. 2 Platoon, granted 3 months' leave from March 23 to May 23, 1932.

No. 1462 Sergt. L. Goldman, No. 1 Platoon, granted 3 months' leave from April 1 to Dec. 31, 1932.

ROBBERY CHARGE.

CHINESE COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

A Chinese named Ma Koo Pun appeared before Mr. E. I. Wynne Jones yesterday on a charge of robbery with violence. He was defended by Mr. C. Y. Kwan.

Outlining the case against the defendant, Sub-Inspector Dorling said that it was alleged that at about 2.30 p.m. on the afternoon of March 12, the complainant, an unregistered prostitute, was called to a house at 1, Upper Lascar Row, 1st floor.

On arriving at the house she was shown into the front cubicle where she saw two men. She went into the cubicle and stayed there for several minutes and apparently nothing much happened inside but the complainant alleged that after a while one of the men got up and snatched her bangles from her. She raised a cry and one of the two men is said to have produced a dagger with which he threatened her. They then ran out of the house, followed by the complainant who was screaming after them. A district watchman and an Indian constable joined in the chase, the former arresting the defendant and the latter recovering a dagger which is alleged to have been dropped by one of the two men during their flight.

In cross-examining the complainant, Mr. Kwan suggested that it was the man who had managed to evade arrest who produced the dagger and snatched the bangles. The witness, however, said that it was the defendant who did that.

After further evidence, the man

LOSS OF H.M.S. PETERSFIELD.

ADMIRALTY CONSIDERS RESPONSIBILITY RESTS WITH CAPTAIN.

Hansard of February 4, 1932, contains the following report of a question asked in the House of Commons with regard to the loss of H.M.S. Petersfield:—

Rear-Admiral Campbell, V.C., asked the First Lord of the Admiralty if the minutes of the Court Martial on the late Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Ship Petersfield for the loss of the ship on Tung Yung Island had yet been received and whether he can make a statement as regards the navigation of the ship on that occasion.

Sir Eyre Monsell replied:—The reports of the Court Martial have been received. From an examination of the minutes their Lordships are of opinion that the responsibility for the loss of H.M.S. Petersfield must rest entirely with her Captain.

On the afternoon before grounding the Commander-in-Chief on two occasions gave directions regarding the navigation of the ship, when he considered the proposed actions of the Captain were not suitable to the circumstances. His reasons for doing so are considered by the Admiralty to have been entirely sound from the navigational point of view. Their Lordships are satisfied that there was nothing in these directions nor in subsequent events which gave the Commanding Officer any grounds for assuming that the Commander-in-Chief had taken charge of the ship.

GRETNNA WEDDING ANNULLED.

JUDGE'S WARNING TO WOMAN.

Lord Pitman, in the Court of Session, Edinburgh, declared null and void a marriage ceremony performed at Gretna in April 1929 between Kathleen Williams Rockfort, of Helensburgh, Dumbartonshire, and Alfred Theodore Koch, a commercial traveller, of Glasgow.

The case for Miss Rockfort, the plaintiff, was that she and Mr. Koch went through a ceremony of marriage at Gretna, but neither intended that it should be a real marriage. They then returned to their respective homes and never lived together as man and wife. They both regarded the ceremony as a means of making their engagement more definite and of persuading her parents to agree.

In granting the order, Lord Pitman said that Miss Rockfort must now realise the stupidity of her actions. She played with fire and very nearly got badly burned. If Mr. Koch had held her to her statement (her marriage promise at Gretna) it was difficult to see how she could have got out of it.

PRETTY WEDDING AT PEAK CHURCH.

LOCAL ACCOUNTANT MARRIED.

A very pretty wedding was solemnised at the Peak Church yesterday when Miss Edith Lewis-Bailey became the bride of Mr. S. T. Butlin of Messrs. Linstead and Davis. The Rev. G. E. S. Updell officiated while Mr. H. J. Fountain was at the organ.

The bride, was given away by Col. C. D. Myles, R.A.M.C., and looked very charming in a dress of ivory crepe satin. She wore a net veil with pearl coronet, whilst her bouquet was composed of pink carnations.

The bridesmaids were Miss Makings, of the Military Hospital, and Miss Williams, of the Victoria Hospital, both of whom wore pretty dresses of floral georgette with beige hats, and carried pink and blue larkspurs.

The matron of honour was Mrs. C. Bernard Brown, who wore navy blue and white crepe de chine, with hat to match. The duties of "best man" were carried out by Mr. C. J. Waddell, of the Public Works Department.

After the wedding, a reception was held at 176, The Peak, and later the happy couple left for the honeymoon which is being spent at Fanning, the bridge's travelling dress being a beige and pale pink ensemble with hat to match.

The a.s. Taiyuan, which left Shanghai on March 17 via Amoy, with 125 bags of mails for Hong Kong, is due to arrive here on Monday, March 21.



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MR. PEPYS IN HONG KONG.

12th.—This day up betimes and a froule one it proves being most foggy, and well-nigh as warm as summer, while all very sticky. Ordering my affairs at the office and later to the Club where I do speak with Mr. J. Heard who tells me he shall go to Macao by the Tai Shan and not this day in the Venezia. And we drink a flaggon of good ale apiece as I learn he rides not to-morrow and so may "adventure" upon a draught. But Lord! to think that a man be at such pains to finish his weight do surely put me at a standstill and I beswift him lest he shall come by a jasting harm; but I doubt it is all to no purpose. Appear to the Snipepit where my wife, poor wretch, do await me and there I find Sir R. Harpenden and his Lady and Mrs. Rebecca. But the service brings so slow do eat a monstrous bad luncheon and all the boys agree. To the King's Picture House where Eliza Landi plays in the Yellow Ticket, and, though I do consider the film as unwieldy to be shown in the Colony, I do take the greatest possible pleasure in the fine acting of Eliza Landi, who do be the most beautiful woman that ever I see upon the films. So home, where my wife does on an evening gown and I trimmings myself and putting on my satin coat, and so to dine with Sir W. Batten where all very merry.

13th.—Lord's Day.—Lay late this day which is froule with heavy rain and wind, and read in the news sheets of the mishaps that did chance yesterday when the ship Sui Tai did fall upon the Venezia upon her port beam, and did cut her down to the water's edge, herself taking much damage in the bows. But when she swings clear it seems for a time the Venezia is in peril of foundering and all or most had lost their lives. But the bulk-head holds fast and she floats, and I thank God for it. Thereafter, as I hear, there was much to be done for many are hurt and four poor souls at least are killed. And helping the injured there was much labour, as many were "pinned" beneath the broken parts of the ship, and Mr. R. Charles, Mr. Sheaton and Mr. Bush do with others notable work in saving them. Then comes up the Chuen Chow whose master, lays her along the Venezia mightily skillfully and all but the sailors and officers tranship to her, and to Macao where their hurts are tended. Next day a tugge tows the Venezia to the Harbour here, steampost forward seeing her fore hold is full of water, and so too is the Sui Tai damaged but not so sore and did get in under her own power. It seems there was heavy fogge and who is to blame, if any, I know not, nor I doubt, will any until more money than both shippers be worth hath been spent upon the Law. Yet shall the lawyers profit mightily. Later I walk in Mr. L. Gibb's garden, and find it to be most cunningly contrived upon terraces on the hill side, and by his house. And I marvel not he capture so many awards in the Showing of flowers lately, for all is most excellently ordered, and very sheltered from the monsoon wind, and withall in full aspect of the sun. So home and so froule the day I do not out again and early to bed.

14th.—Up betimes and to the office, and a bitter cold raw day, which makes me glad of a bright fire. Reading in the news sheets, it seems this matters are quiet in Shanghai, but much trouble in Manchuria, where, all like not the new regime. But Lord! how little do we hear from that part these days when all watch Shanghai.

15th.—This day to the Rotary Club where a Reverend Mr. Allen do speak and as I thought did cry up "Communism against Capitalism." For he do say he sees nothing in Christianity which should make it more opposed to Communism than to Capitalism. Yet the Capitalists have not made war upon the Christian religion nor do they cause blasphemy to be taught in their schools to the children, nor murder the priests of the Church. Yet all these things the Communists in Russia do. But I suppose the reverend gentlemen would say that there is complete difference between the "ism" and the "ist." Yet talking with Mr. Pevy after, we agree we had rather a clergyman should preach the Gospel and visit the sick rather than discourse upon controversial themes which he might well leave to laymen who have no such high calling as his. At the Club later I tell this to Sir R. Harpenden who does not agree with me. But I am still of the same mind whatever he say. He tells me that things seem brighter in Shanghai, part of the Japanese troops being about to withdraw, and I am heartily glad of it. News also comes that Marshal Hindenburg will be re-elected President of the German Republic which pleases me. But, Lord! to what a froule Europe is come, and much blame to those who make the peace at Versailles.

16th.—Still very cold, and I do on my thickest garments. Very busy in the office ordering my affairs. Then to the Club, where with Mr.

(Continued on next Column.)

OBITUARY.

MR. ARCHIBALD McCALLUM.

RAILWAY OFFICIAL VICTIM OF PNEUMONIA.

The death took place at the Kowloon Hospital late on Thursday night of Mr. Archibald McCallum, Permanent Way Inspector of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, by whose demise the Railway has lost a very efficient and popular officer. The deceased was admitted to the Hospital on Saturday suffering from pneumonia, but despite that all that medical aid could do for him, he succumbed to his illness on Thursday night.

The deceased was born near Dundee and was only 38 years of age. He came to the Colony in August, 1924, as second-class overseer in the Public Works Department, and in April 1929, he was transferred to the Railway as acting Permanent Way Inspector, being promoted to the substantive post in August of the same year.

The late Mr. McCallum saw service during the war with the Royal Engineers. Although he was keenly interested in sports, he took no active part in any games in the Colony, but was a member of the Kowloon Football Club and the Engineers' Institute. He was not married.

The funeral took place yesterday evening at Happy valley and was attended by a large gathering, including callagues from the Railway staff and P.W.D. There was a profusion of floral tributes.

CUT HOOD OF MOTOR CAR.

AND THEN STOLE A PAIR OF BINOCULARS.

The theft of a pair of binoculars from a motor-car which was in the car stand in Chater Road had a sequel at Central Magistracy yesterday when a Chinese was brought before Mr. Wynne-Jones on charges of stealing the binoculars and causing damage to the car by cutting the back of the hood. The complainant in the case was Mr. A. G. Coppin, the well-known exchange broker.

Detective-Sergeant Fitches prosecuted and in addressing the Court said that the binoculars were valued at \$150. They were being left in the car and the defendant got hold of them by cutting a hole through the hood and then stretching his hand into the car to reach for them. He sold them at a fruit stall for \$20 and enquired made by the police lead to the discovery of a blanket and some tools, apparently stolen from another car.

Mr. Coppin told the Court that he would have to have a new back made for the hood. Meanwhile the case was adjourned for a week in order that the owners of the blanket and tools could be traced.

F. Seeds and others I discuss the classification of the ponies. But Lord! The Stewards do make an E class and I doubt that a race for these ponies would never be finished or at any rate within an afternoon's sport! But I cut out the column of the news sheets and shall study it against the extra meetings, at which I trust I shall wager to my profit.

17th.—Walking early in my garden this day, when for once the sun do shine a little, I do find some twelve or fourteen new gladioli sprung up. And as the weather has been so froule and cold, I do reason that they are sprung up by reason of the drenching rains we have had. And another year I shall reap my beds of gladioli most heartily whatever Mr. Newhouse may say (or charge) of it! Reading in the News Sheets, I learn to my greatest possible regret that Mr. L. George do return to matters political, and just when it did seem that England had weathered the storm. At the Club I hear of the accident to an officer of one of the King's great shippers, who, on finding his motor cycle be chary of starting, do open up the throttle and thereafter goes a-swimming in the harbour. But I am mighty glad to hear he takes no harm nor his cycle either which remains upon the Praya, being minded doubtless that the bathing season was not yet begun. And as I leave the Club and do walk past a certain shoppe I do see a new bathing gown of two pieces. Very busy thereafter in finding me a matched I may rent at Repulse Bay.

18th.—A warmer day and so walking in my garden early, and mightily pleased I am to find my bed of heartsease, which I do plant straight into the ground from a seed-box, do recover from the rain and cold and blossom exceedingly. So I pluck a couple for my wearing. Later at the office comes my wife, and we look over our pictures made by von Kobas, and it is the first time that any artist has done the wretch justice and a mighty pretty picture. But, Lord! to see how the "doth" arranges his lighting so that even his own portrait can be shown to babes and they cry not. And I perceive that among us we have a true artist.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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FOREIGN CONTROL IN CHINA MOOTED.

(TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS.")

SIR.—The die-hard *Morning Post* of London has thought fit to approve of the suggestion of one British Army Officer named Stewart, formerly Military Adviser to Chang Tso-lin and Router has thought fit to add that this absurd proposal coincides with the remarkable programme drawn up by the notorious Trebitsch Lincoln for the benefit of China. Although it is obvious that only a highly conceited person can suggest the control of this country or that when it is not his own, one should, nevertheless, examine the sources of a proposal that one approves "before committing one's conclusions to paper." But it seems to me that the *Morning Post* of London is perfectly satisfied with the opinions of a military adviser, whose advice has brought into being a well-equipped army—the Manchurian Army—that refused to fight its country's enemy and of a monk-adventurer, whom the British House of Commons prefers to forget altogether. The *Morning Post* of London has insulted 400,000,000 people by stating that China, as an ordered State, does not exist but every one knows, including Mr. Lloyd George, that China has a courageous Army. And as to the foreign control in China that is suggested, all I wish to say is, "Try it."—Yours etc.

NINETEENTH.
Hong Kong, March 18.

SAFETY OF PASSENGERS IN RIVER STEAMERS.

(TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS.")

SIR.—The points I bring up concern mostly steamers employed on the Macao run, but (1) holds good for all river steamers plying to and from Hong Kong, and I hope that when this catches the eyes of the interested shipowners, they will do something to remedy matters.

Before proceeding any further, it will not be amiss to remind every body concerned that 2nd class and steerage passengers form the bulk of every ship's complement, and precautions for the safety of their lives should be taken. While the 1st class saloon passengers have free access to the boat deck and lifeboats, 2nd class and steerage passengers have only a narrow companion way through which to escape to the boat deck in case of an accident. Imagine the confusion on board, when a collision or fire occurs!

The following are the points I allude to:—

(1). In the second class and below decks, airing space allowed passengers is not very liberal, and what there is, is usually occupied by deck chairs, campbeds, etc., plus the passenger himself. There is little enough room between him and the man in front, and anybody wishing to pass through the narrow aisle formed by the rows of chairs etc., must first clear all sorts of obstacles before he will be able to reach his objective. Passengers and their luggage are necessary evils of course, and can never be eliminated, but there is at least one thing, and a very big obstacle it is, which can be removed without anybody being sorry for it. I refer to the tables measuring 1 foot x 1 foot x 2 feet, which are placed in the aisles, after the steamer's departure from port, and which take up more than half the free space. They are a definite nuisance to the passengers, who find it difficult even to stretch their legs! Perhaps the Captain or Chief Officer should make a round or two of their ship, and order all these to be cleared. What say ye.

(2). I find that the Southern course is the usual one taken to and from Macao, but in the event of very boisterous weather, will it not be as well for Captains to take their ships through Capisman Pass. They have the welfare of the passengers in their hands, and anything they can do to alleviate the sufferings of their proteges, should be done.

(3). "Sui An." Please note that the howling and wailing of that enthusiastic bull-throated hawk often penetrates into the sacred precincts of the 1st class saloon at 3 or 4 in the morning, as if to remind us that we have not enough of doze. We want to sleep to forget, so please help us.—Yours, etc.

L. OHAN.
Hong Kong, March 18, 1932.

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CHAIRMAN EXPLAINS REASONS FOR PROPOSED INCREASE OF CAPITAL.

RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PEAK HOTEL: BUSES AGAIN HAVE A GOOD YEAR.

Mr. J. H. Taggart presided at the annual general meeting of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., which took place in the Company's offices, Exchange Building, yesterday. During the course of his speech, Mr. Taggart explained that the chief reason for the proposed increase in the Company's capital was that the Board of Directors had in mind the desirability of re-conditioning and developing certain of the Company's properties which included the reconstruction of the Peak Hotel.

Continuing, the Chairman said that there was also the fact that in a short time the extension of the garage in Stubbs Road would have to be seriously considered and in addition to the many different schemes in the Colony, requirements for the future as regards the Company's Shanghai properties must also be borne in mind.

COMPANY TURNS DOWN BIG OFFER IN SHANGHAI.

After reading the auditors' report, the Chairman said:—Dealing with the Profit & Loss Account, I am pleased to be able to call your attention to the substantial increase in amount, compared with the previous year, of the "Balance of Working Account," brought to credit in the sum of \$1,730,332.15. The preceding year's working produced \$1,296,426.35 under this heading, and the increase of \$433,905.80, displayed this year should, I feel, evoke satisfaction, having regard to the fact that operations over the last financial year did not embody a normal volume of transient tourist patronage, due to the somewhat stringent financial conditions which prevailed in Europe and the U.S.A. Nevertheless your establishments both in Hong Kong and Shanghai experienced business during the year of a volume sufficient to enable Hotels, without exception, to provide the General Working Accounts with a much increased quota of profit.

With regard to the item of \$38,705.17, "Dividend on Investments," this income has been derived from the Company's holding of shares in the Grand Hotel des Wagons-Lits, Limited, and, in a measure, reflects the period of better business experienced by that Company in Peking, which I ventured to foreshadow from the Chair last year. It will doubtless prove of interest to shareholders to learn that the Grand Hotel des Wagons-Lits, Ltd., in which concern your Company is a holding Company to the extent of 95 per cent of the issued capital thereof, was enabled during the financial period ending 30th June, 1931, not only to retire completely through its own resources the Debenture issue amounting to \$231,000, but was also in a position to effect a distribution of 10 per cent on its ordinary capital. Furthermore, the financial position, at the aforementioned date was such that, apart from being freed of all debt, a reserve had been built up of the equivalent of 50 per cent of the paid up capital and of such reserve 33-1/3rd per cent vis-a-vis the capital of the Company is invested in first class securities.

Reduced Expenditure.

Returning to the Profit and Loss Account, the sum of \$24,215.30, credited in respect of "Premium on Shares," was realised from the sale on the open market—your Board directed to be made—of certain shares out of the Company's last two issues of Capital which had not been taken up by those holders of old shares entitled to apply for them.

Diverting your attention to the contra side of the Profit and Loss Account, I would comment upon the item "Rent, Rates, Taxes and Licences"—\$107,835.80. Comparison of this figure with the like item in last year's accounts reveals a reduced expenditure this year of some \$40,444. This reduction is accounted for by the fact that last year's figures included a charge for rental in respect of the Company's tenancy of the "Majestic" Hotel, Shanghai, during the first quarter of that year.

The net charge for Mortgages and Bank Interest for the period under review, \$145,000 lower than the commitment under that heading

during the preceding year. The incidences of transfer from Shanghai during the year of the sale proceeds of the Majestic Hotel Property which stood to the Company's credit there—funds to which I made reference at the last annual meeting—and the receipt of some \$2,000,000 in respect of the New Issue of Shares made on the 1st July last, contributed mainly to this considerable saving in Interest.

"Exchange Fluctuation Account."

I would here make reference to the item of \$60,712.27 "Loss on Exchange" borne by last year's Profit and Loss Account. At the Annual General Meeting held in April, 1930, Shareholders, in dealing with appropriations of profit made in respect of the financial year 1929, adopted the Board's recommendation that \$150,000, out of the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account be transferred to an "Exchange Fluctuation Account" with a view to effecting provision for losses on exchange involved in making remittances from Shanghai to Hong Kong, having regard to the fluctuating cross rate between Shanghai Tels and Hong Kong Dollars. During the year under review the exchange position between the Northern Port and Hong Kong rendered difficult the transfer of funds standing to the credit of the Company in Shanghai. It was deemed advisable, however, to take advantage of opportunities which arose during the year, when the trend of exchange inclined comparatively favourably, to make transfers, as the immediate actual saving in interest payments effected by the consequent reduction of our indebtedness to the Bank in Hong Kong outweighed the Book loss such transfers involved.

Transference of approximately 38 lakhs of dollars from Shanghai to Hong Kong was made during the last financial year. The book loss involved on these transactions absorbed the reserve of \$150,000 and necessitated, in addition, that a further \$60,712.27 be borne out of the year's working. As a large portion of the aforementioned funds were not remitted until towards the end of 1931, the saving in Bank Interest charges in Hong Kong, resultant upon these transfers, will not be wholly reflected in the Company's Accounts until the figures for the year 1932 are dealt with.

Basis of Salary Payment.

With regard to the item of \$61,127.07 appearing as a charge for Commissions, as, on comparison with figures appearing under heading in past years, this item may appear heavy, I would state, in explanation, that a re-adjustment of the basis of remuneration of a large number of the Company's staff is accountable for this. During the year it was found expedient to effect an alteration on the basis of salary payments to Managers and heads of departments in the Company's various establishments. Under the amended arrangements, the remuneration paid comprises a smaller basic salary to the employee, but is augmented by a large percentage by way of commission on the working results shown by respective departments. Although the combined

charges in the Company's Accounts in respect of such payments to the personnel involved shows no material increase, the apportionment as between "Salary" and "Commission" reveals a much heavier charge under the latter heading. It is proposed, in future accounts to charge the whole of such remuneration against the General Working Accounts and confine the Profit and Loss Account item of "Commissions" solely to administrative payments which may occur under this heading.

Depreciation.

You will note that the past year's accounts disclose the provision of adequate depreciation, before computation of the figure of profits before you for allocation, and I would point out that, in addition, a considerable part of the work effected in maintaining and modernizing the Company's assets has been borne out of revenue. You will observe that the Profit and Loss Account includes expenditure amounting to \$137,872.22 for the year in relation to this.

Further, out of the balance standing to the credit of Repairs and Renewals Account to the beginning of the year \$48,707.23 has been absorbed in relation to the cost of part of the improvements effected to the ground and first floor areas of the Hong Kong Hotel not capitalised.

In reviewing the assets side of the balance sheet, there would appear to be no outstanding feature upon which to comment, for the application of the depreciation provision accounts, in many instances, for differences disclosed when comparing respective figures of assets with those appearing in last year's accounts, with one exception, i.e., the item "Buildings," which this year is recorded at a sum of \$150,000 higher than appeared last year. This increase represents mainly the capitalised portion of the expenditure on the improvements carried out to the Hong Kong Hotel Building in reconstructing the ground floor and the first floor areas.

Optimistic Outlook.

Whilst on this subject, I can report that the completion of this work, which brought into productive operation a hitherto dead area and fulfilled the long apparent necessity of improving the grill room, restaurant and lounge facilities of the Hong Kong Hotel, produced an immediate increase in business, sufficiently gratifying in volume to permit an optimistic outlook with regard to maintaining, out of the earnings produced from the reconstructed property, an adequate return upon the expenditure made in respect of such work.

With regard to the liabilities side of the balance sheet, you will observe that the authorised capital of the Company, \$10,000,000, now stands completely issued.

Loans secured by Mortgage, which, at the December 31st last, amounted to \$2,000,046.17, have been reduced to the lowest level experienced by the Company during the past twelve years.

The Repairs and Renewals Account, as I have previously pointed out, suffered depletion during the year to the extent of \$48,707.23 and your approval is sought to replenish this account out of last year's profit so as to bring again the credit balance thereof to \$100,000.

The Buses.

I am again in a position to comment upon continued popularity of the bus services operated by the Company. The additional patronage extended to such services during the year have produced a satisfactory increase in revenue from the two major routes of approximately 10 per cent, ten per cent over last year's figures. Comparing the year 1931 with the year 1930, over 730,000 additional passengers were carried on all routes last year on a reduced mileage of 12,000 miles, such reduction in mileage being attributable to the utilisation of larger type buses over routes during the rush hours. It is an interesting fact that, since the inception of the Queen's Road route in the Autumn of 1928, some 134 million passengers have been carried over this route and since January 1932, 6 million passengers over the University route. The figures for the year under review total over 77 million passengers for all routes.

In spite of the increased revenue, however, you will readily comprehend that the enhanced cost of

operation consequent upon the depreciated value of the local currency prevailing during the major portion of the year, coupled with the high prices ruling for gasoline and the Government Taxation imposed thereon, rendered it difficult to produce a profit on working, having regard to the fact that no increase in fares was sought. Successful exploitation by the Company of all possible avenues for effecting economies in operation during the year has enabled this side of the Company's activities to contribute a profit to the general Working Account for 1931 which, in the circumstances, can be considered highly satisfactory. A reduction in gasoline prices since the beginning of this year, combined with a reduction applicable to the cost of tyres and other equipment, renders more favourable the operating prospects of the current year.

Diesel Engines On Buses.

As foreshadowed last year, serious consideration has been given to the utilisation of the Diesel type engine in the Company's vehicles. From the progress made in experimental work during the year a decision resulted to convert one of our buses from petrol to oil fuel with a Crossley diesel type engine. As may have been observed from recent reports in the local Press, this vehicle was inspected by the police last month and passed all tests satisfactorily. Since that date the converted vehicle has been in regular service and has functioned most satisfactorily. In the circumstances, steps are now being taken to effect similar conversion to the other vehicles which, on completion, should bring about a very considerable saving in fuel costs, a further factor tending to increase prospects with regard to the future operation of this Department.

With regard to the sum of \$232,097.11 out of the balance of Profit and Loss Account, which your Directors recommended be carried forward to the New Account, as this figure may appear to the minds of some Shareholders to be unduly high, I would say that, at the time your Directors' Report and recommendations were formulated, the situation at Shanghai appeared sufficiently uncertain and grave as to prompt a certain degree of apprehension with regard to the prospects of our two establishments in that port for the current year. The desirability appeared indicated of conserving resources against the possible detrimental influences on operation, a lengthy continuance of the disturbed conditions might promote.

War Risk Insurance.

At the time of the first claim in the Northern Port, your Board deemed it advisable to effect War Risk Insurance covering the Shanghai properties, and this was effected in respect of the month of February at a cost, for both the Astor House and Palace Hotels, of some \$35,000. During the earlier term of the disturbed times, the situation, more particularly in view of the proximity of the Astor House to the most seriously affected area, in your Board's opinion, fully warranted the precautionary insurance measure undertaken. As later, however, the venue of the more dangerous clashes became further removed from the International Settlement, it was decided not to renew the insurance cover and same was permitted to lapse as at the end of February.

There do not appear to be further matters arising from a review of the accounts upon which I can usefully comment, but before submitting to you the usual formal proposal thereon, I will interpolate reference to the purposes for which the further meetings to be held at the conclusion of this meeting have been convened.

With regard to the proposed increase in the authorised capital of the Company from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000, should the resolution in that respect, to be later submitted to you, be duly passed, it is proposed to offer 200,000 of the new shares at par to existing shareholders at the ratio of one new share to every five old shares held, such new shares to be taken up by June 30, 1932.

As I previously mentioned, the Company's mortgage indebtedness stands at a figure just over two million dollars. The capital which will accrue to the Company from the proposed new issue will, therefore, bring this figure of indebtedness down to a comparatively negligible quantity.

Peak Hotel Reconstruction.

In recommending the increase of Capital proposed and the New Issue of Shares, your Board have in mind the desirability of placing the Company in a position to undertake the finance involved in the necessary reconditioning and development of certain of its properties without recourse to secured borrowing. The reconstruction of the Peak Hotel, a matter brought up by a

shareholder at the last annual meeting, is under consideration. In this connection I may add that it is highly improbable that a complete scheme of reconstruction will be undertaken at this juncture, having regard to the fact that this would necessitate a complete evacuation of the existing building involving total loss of revenue covering a period estimated conservatively at two years, whilst it is highly improbable whether a modern establishment—incorporating the essentials of an up-to-date Hotel and entailing the heavy capital outlay attaching to such a project—would attract the volume of patronage and degree of spending power, in what is essentially a residential area, necessary in order to make the venture a success financially; rather is your Board inclined to the view that improvements can be effected to the existing establishment as opportunity permits with a resulting degree of modernisation commensurate with the extremely reasonable rates charged—the latter factor being the prime attraction of that Hotel.

Property In Shanghai.

Consideration must shortly be given, however, to a scheme for the extension and development of the Happy Valley Garage property, as the facilities there, suffer in increasing restriction in view of the continued improved business experience in the transportation department.

Further requirements in connection with the Company's properties in Shanghai must not be lost sight of. The Astor House and Palace Hotels there continue to produce an adequate return upon the Company's investment in those properties, but consideration must sooner or later be devoted to the reconstruction of one or both of these establishments. Your Board's faith in the high values attaching to both of the properties in question continues to be justified notwithstanding the disturbed conditions in the Northern Port, and I think it well to mention, in view of the various rumours current from time to time with regard to this Company's disposing of its Shanghai interests, that a firm offer to purchase the Astor House and Palace Hotels and contents for H.K. \$6,500,000 was refused by the Board during last year.

Board of Directors.

Turning to the second Resolution to be placed before you at a subsequent meeting this morning, which is in regard to the alterations to the Company's Articles of Association and for which your sanction is sought, these amendments, if passed, will effect necessary rectification to situations of the past in the conduct of the Company's affairs.

Up to the present time Directors, when leaving the Colony temporarily, either resign from the Board or apply for leave of absence. In consequence, over many periods in the past, the Company's business has perforce had to be controlled by a Board very restricted in membership.

In the circumstances it is deemed essential that steps be taken to alter the Articles of Association in order to provide for the appointment of alternate Directors, but it is considered to be in the best interests of the Company that the right to be vested in a Director of nominating another in his stead during temporary absence be restricted to Directors holding a material stake in the Company. The shares, which the members of your Board at this date hold or represent, total 254,000. Your Board, therefore considered the power to nominate an Alternate Director should be restricted to those members of the Board who hold in their own right respectively not less than 25,000 shares in the at par, a stake in the Company of \$250,000. It would appear unnecessary for me to make further comment on the subject of the proposed additions to the Company's Articles, having regard to the fact that, in the best interests of the general body of shareholders, the merits of the proposed amendment are obviously apparent.

Dividends.

I now formally propose that the Report of the Directors and the account for the financial year ended December 31, 1931, as presented, be adopted, and that the following appropriations recommended by your Directors, as incorporated in the Balance Sheet, be carried into effect:—To pay a dividend of 60 cents per share on 800,000 "Old" Shares, \$480,000; to pay a dividend of 30 cents per share on 200,000 "New" Shares, \$60,000; to transfer to Repairs and Renewals Account, \$48,707.23; to carry forward to New Account, \$232,097.11; and I shall be obliged if a shareholder will kindly second such proposal, whereupon questions as to (Continued on Page 10.)



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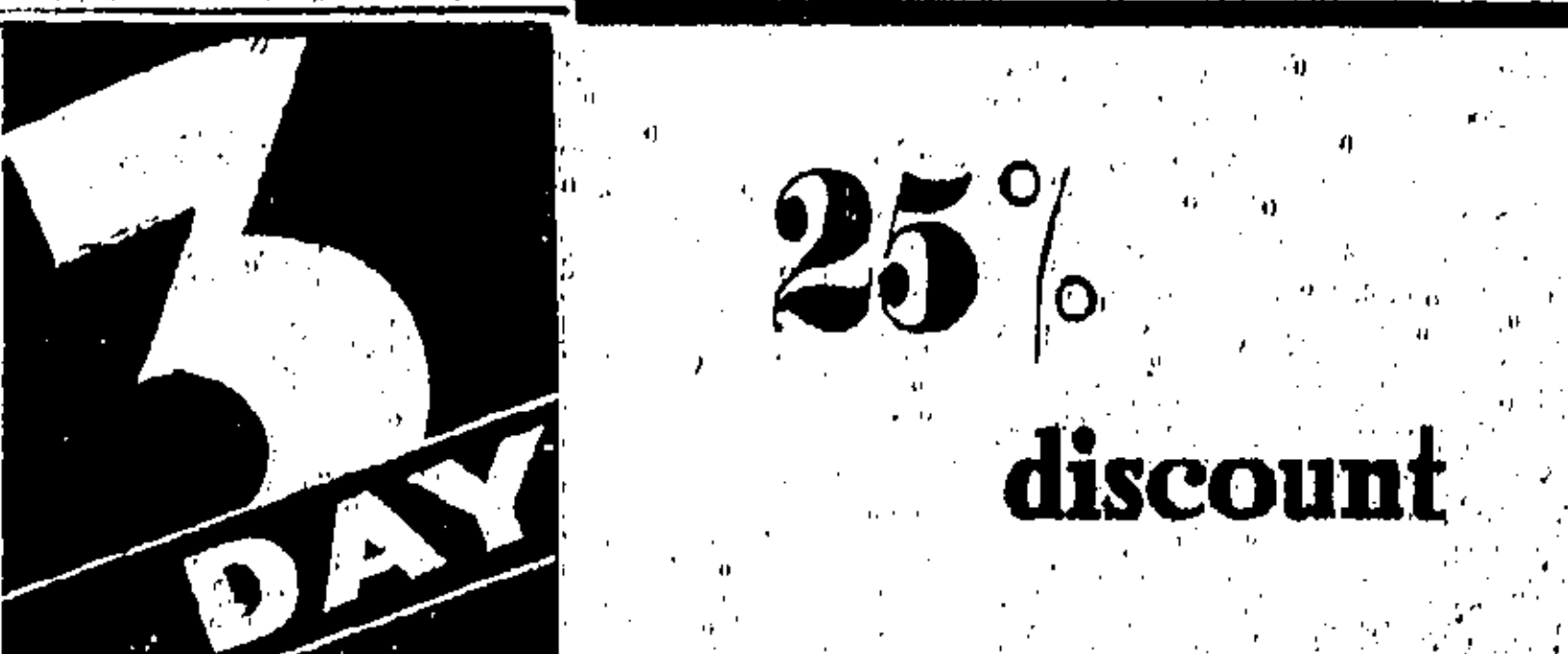
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SHANGHAI TAKES SECOND PLACE

ALL EYES NOW ON JAPAN

JAPANESE BRIGADE LEAVES SHANGHAI

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Mar. 18. Shimomoto's 24th Mixed Brigade has embarked for Japan. Meanwhile, huge quantities of war stores continue to arrive.

Peace conversations are in a state of deadlock and interest tends to concentrate on the internal situation in Japan, owing to persistent reports that a military coup d'état is pending.

NO SINO-JAP. AGREEMENT

NANKING, Mar. 18. A Foreign Office spokesman declared "Mr. Sato's statement at Geneva that a provisional agreement had been reached between Chinese and Japanese at Shanghai. He stated that peace talks had not been resumed as the Japanese delegates are waiting instructions from Tokyo.

WAR ZONE VISIT

SHANGHAI, Mar. 18. Mr. Wellington Koo and Mr. Yoshida, the Chinese and Japanese Assessors with the League Commission, are making arrangements for the Commission to visit the Shanghai war areas. The visit will probably take place on Monday. Mr. Wellington Koo has suggested that the members of the Commission should visit Chapei, Kiangwan and Woosung. Mr. Yoshida stated that the Japanese military authorities would superintend the safety of the visiting party.

SHANGHAI POLICE BUSY

COMMUNIST DEMONSTRATORS DISPERSED

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

SHANGHAI, Mar. 18. Communist demonstrators in three different districts in Shanghai which attempted to create disturbances were dispersed in each instance by the police after considerable difficulty. Round about a dozen were arrested.

In one instance the crowd was only scattered after the firing of two shots in the air by two Chinese policemen, who were violently attacked.

The authorities maintained a strict watch throughout the day in all districts, and extra patrols functioned in areas most likely to be affected. Armoured cars were ready to operate at a moment's notice in the event of a serious outbreak and riot squads were standing by all day.

The occasion for the abortive disorders was the anniversary of the Paris Commune in 1870. Slogans were shouted, handbills distributed and stones and other missiles hurled at the police.

The authorities are watching the situation, which is aggravated by thousands of idle hand-labourers and swarms of refugees.

DARTMOOR CONVICTS IN DOCK

WARDER CAUSES AMUSEMENT IN COURT

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Mar. 17. Bursts of laughter from the thirty-two Dartmoor convicts charged in connection with the recent mutiny with offences under the Malicious Damage Act, punctuated the police-court proceedings at Princetown Town Hall to-day. Loud guffaws echoed through the court when a warder named Udy spoke of a convict named "Arthur," who is known to the convicts as "Horthur."

A renewed outburst heralded Udy's explanation as to the difference between "the" and "a" and a "conflagration." The convicts seemed to be in high good humour throughout the hearing.

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ADJOURNS

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Mar. 17. After some discussion regarding the situation in Shanghai, the League Assembly's Committee of Nineteen, which met at Geneva this afternoon, decided, in view of the present state of the negotiations being conducted at Shanghai, to adjourn and to be called again only in the case of an emergency.

Questioned in the House of Commons concerning the steps taken in Shanghai to carry out the proposals contained in the resolution of the League Assembly, the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, said that during the last day or two, on the invitation of Sir Miles Lampson, the Chinese and Japanese representatives at Shanghai had been meeting with Sir Miles and the representatives of Italy, France and United States.

HOPEFUL OUTLOOK

His information was that these conversations had made some hopeful progress, though they had also indicated some difficulties. The Assembly Committee was meeting again to-day and sincerely hoped that with the help of the good offices of the representatives of the four Powers, a definite result might be achieved and announced very shortly. At the moment, however, it is impossible to speak with complete confidence, and he desired not to prejudice the chance of a final agreement by a statement regarding the points of controversy.

ANTI-JAPANESE FEELING

UGLY SCENES AT WEIHAIWEI

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WEIHAIWEI, Mar. 18. Students are causing trouble owing to the alleged importation of Japanese goods from Dairen.

They at first demanded a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce to discuss methods for stopping their importation. During the meeting the students disagreed with the remarks of one merchant and attacked him until he collapsed. The Vice-Chairman of the Chamber remonstrated and he was also attacked. When defending himself with a stick the Vice-Chairman struck a student who fell down. Thereupon the students summoned the police and the Vice-Chairman was escorted to the yamen. Subsequently the students went in procession to the Court and demanded the production of the Vice-Chairman in order that he might head a procession through the city ridiculing him. On their demand being refused the students broke the court windows. They subsequently looted three shops and carried Japanese goods to the golf course where they were burned.

All is quiet to-day but all shops are closed until the Vice-Chairman of the Chamber is released.

FURTHER REDUCTION IN BANK RATE

PLEASANT SURPRISE FOR CITY

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, March 17. The City to-day received a welcome surprise when a further reduction of the bank rate, the third within the month was announced. The rate was reduced a week ago from five to four per cent. To-day it came down to three and a half per cent.

The rate is now back to the level of July last year, before the world monetary disturbances were beginning to be seriously felt. To-day's reduction was enthusiastically received and was considered as a further welcome move to help the trade recovery. Coming so soon after the announcement of the Treasury's £116 million conversion offer to Treasury Bondholders, the "reduced bank rate" naturally stimulated the whole market for gilt-edged stocks and a cheerful tone developed in other sections of the exchange.

JAPAN AND MANCHURIA

DETERMINED TO CARRY OUT HER PROGRAMME

Further Difficulties Feared

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Mar. 18. Sharp distinction between Shanghai and Manchuria was drawn by Mr. Sato, during an interview at Geneva, which is given prominence in the *New Chronicle* in the form of question and answer.

"Is your Government satisfied with the result of its demonstration of force, and has the military intervention turned out as was hoped and expected?" the correspondent asked. Mr. Sato replied laconically, "That events had developed in unforeseen directions." Mr. Sato did not deny the correspondent's suggestion that Japan is anxious to cut her losses in Shanghai, but intended to pursue her policy in Manchuria. He declared that "The Shanghai, or first phase, may be ended but he was afraid that there will be difficulties over Manchuria, as Japan is entitled to enforce legitimately obtained concessions in Manchuria, where we shall establish order and security in two years, together with a great expansion of prosperity."

As regards "benevolent expansion," Japan does not intend to admit the right of League interference in Manchuria. The correspondent adds that Mr. Sato has done all that mortal man could do for a nation in the wrong. Mr. Sato gave the impression that he was a harassed diplomat in the gravest doubts regarding the future.

LIVING BUDDHA MURDERED

BANDIT OUTRAGE AT TENGKOW

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEIPING, Mar. 18. The Living Buddha of Kokonur and his chief attendant were killed by bandits at Tengchow, according to a Chinese message from Ninghsia, which adds that the authorities are hoping to apprehend the murderers.

POLITICAL TRUCE IN GERMANY

DURING EASTER WEEK

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, Mar. 18. An Easter political truce has been proclaimed by President Hindenburg under which public meetings, demonstrations, political leaflets and posters are prohibited. The decree also enforces, until further notice, a censorship of political propaganda.

SEVERING'S METHOD CRITICISED

MUNICH, March 17. Herr Hitler has informed Herr Severing, the Minister of the Interior of the Prussian Government, that he may have war if he dares it.

According to the Nazi leader, the Prussian Government, under the direction of Herr Severing, has been pursuing a ruthless campaign against the Nazis, but he says, the "election manoeuvre" will not save Severing's party from inevitable defeat in the elections to the Prussian Diet next month.

Forty Killed. Forty members of the Nazi "storm-troops" have been killed in the streets and thousands of others assaulted and injured in the last few weeks, alleges Hitler in the course of his vigorous protest against the methods of the Minister of the Interior in regard to the Nazi Party's electioneering campaign.

He complains that a search of all Nazi offices is being carried out all over Prussia under the orders of Herr Severing, and Hitler further contends that the Nazis have been victims of deliberate violence and terrorism by their political opponents.

For this reason, he adds, the Nazi storm-troops when the date of election draws near, will be ordered to be prepared in anticipation of political attacks, but the submission of these instructions will be submitted to the approval of the Minister of the Interior of the Reich a week before their dispatch.

CRISIS IN JAPAN

INUKAI CABINET'S DAYS NUMBERED

Unable to Deal With Situation

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, Mar. 18.

Although the special session of the Diet, which opened this morning, is expected to pass comparatively quietly, unless possibly in the Upper House where a strong censure of the Government is anticipated, Inukai's last minute decision on March 16 to assume the portfolio of Home Affairs himself clearly revealed serious internal discord in the ranks of the Government Party, consequently it is believed this is merely a temporary makeshift in anticipation of developments after the termination of the Diet session on March 25.

Whether the aged Genro Saionji, who returned to his villa at Okitsu this morning after a fortnight in Tokyo conferring with leading political figures, has succeeded in arranging a national Government to replace the present Ministry is not known, but it is generally believed that the Inukai Cabinet's days are strictly numbered as it is seemingly incapable of dealing effectively with the serious economic, political, and social crisis now facing the country which requires most careful handling.

BREAKER POINT OUTRAGE

WOMEN AND CHILDREN RELEASED

A message issued by the Naval Intelligence Office yesterday afternoon reads as follows: It is reported that the two women and four children of the Breaker Point party have been released and are expected to arrive in Swatow on the 18th inst. (to-day). It will be recalled that on 27th February Chinese Communists captured the foreign lighthouse keepers at Breaker Point, 30 miles South-West of Swatow. Included in those captured was a British subject named Edward and with him his wife and four children.

THE WAR DEBTS ISSUE

SENATOR ROBINSON'S WARNING

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WASHINGTON, March 17. Newspaper reports that Mr. Andrew Mellon, newly-appointed American Ambassador to Britain, will shortly open negotiations for the revision of the British war debt, has provoked a warning by Senator Robinson, the Democratic leader, that the United States Government must regard the problem from the standpoint of the American taxpayer rather than that of the British.

Senator Robinson bases his warning on a story attributing to Mr. Mellon the view that Britain faces undue hardship owing to her depreciated currency. Senator Robinson argues that countries with depreciated currency have obtained a great advantage in foreign commerce, though one of the penalties is that they must meet their debt payments on a gold basis.

On behalf of President Hoover, Senator Reed to-day denied that the revision of the British Debt was under consideration.

HOME BY-ELECTION DUMBARTONSHIRE RESULT

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Mar. 18. The Dumbartonshire by-election, consequent on the appointment of Lieut.-Colonel Thom to an Indian Judgeship, resulted as follows:—Conservative 16,740 Mr. T. Johnston, Labour 13,704 Mr. Gray, Scottish Nationalist 5,178

THE GRAND NATIONAL

WON BY 50 TO 1 CHANCE

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Mar. 18. The result of the Grand National was as follows:—

Forbra 1
Egremont 2
Shaun Gollin 3
Thirty-six ran.

BETTING.

Forbra 50/1
Egremont 33/1
Shaun Gollin 40/1

DRYEST COURSE IN MEMORY

[Reuter's Special Service.]

LONDON, March 17. Mr. Winston Churchill lands at Plymouth from the United States to-night and immediately takes train for Liverpool to witness the Grand National.

Thirty-seven horses will breast the tapes on the driest course in living memory, but this is considered to favour last year's winner, Grakle, who does not mind it. Aintree's stern test, comprising thirty-two fences, is like a road-way.

It is important to note, however, that not since 1870 has the same horse won the Race in two successive years.

Grakle is in very fine form just now and his trainer is bubbling over with confidence.

The Starters.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 17. Possible has been withdrawn from the Grand National and there has been a re-arranging of jockeys. The revised list of probable starters and jockeys is as follows:

Grakle (Thackeray).
Shaun Gollin (Williams).
Grakle (Fawcett).
Coupe de Chapeau (G. Wilson).
Invincible (Lyon).
Heartbreak Hill (O'Grady).
Vintola (Morgan).
Sea Soldier (L. Wilson).
Apocalypse (Farvin).
Holmes (Beechener).
Thermes (Owen).
Near East (T. McCarthy).
Merriment IV (Lord Haddington).
Alike (Turner).
Annandale (Stott).
Clangston (Ryan).
Arcturus (J. Mason).
Egremont (Paget).
Prince Cherry (J. Gentry).
Ruddyman (Brown).
Evolution (Cullinan).
Ottawa (Leader).
Hank (McKeever).
Aspirant (Sir P. Lawson).
Gibus (Redmond).
Pelorus Jack (Fenshaw).
The Ace II (Maxwell).
Quite Calm (Gurney).
Red Lynch (Goode).
Dunlop (Speck).
Forbra (Hamey).
E. O. B. (Mason).
De la Rue (Kiddie).
Harcourt (Warden).
Tottenham (R. McCarthy).
Great Span (Hardy).

THE CALCUTTA CUP

TO-DAY'S GAME AT TWICKENHAM

FOUR NEW CAPS IN SCOTTISH TEAM

[Reuter's Special Service.]

LONDON, Mar. 18. The climax of the Rugby season will be reached at Twickenham on Saturday (to-day), when, before an estimated crowd of 60,000, England will attempt to avenge last year's Murrayfield defeat and capture the Calcutta Cup. Victory will enable them to equal Scotland's twenty wins in the Anglo-Scottish series. England is reverting to the old Gloucester full-back T. Brown has been brought in and a new forward, Longland (Northampton), who is the only new "cap." Scotland is making eight changes. The four new "caps" being Dyke, McArthur, Ritchie and Wright.

EXCISE DUTIES INCREASED

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE HAGUE, March 18. A Bill increasing the excise duties on wine and sugar and raising the stamp duty on foreign securities and cigarettes, has been passed by the Upper Chamber. The Bill also imposes an import duty on fruits from southern countries.

DASTARDLY PLOT UNEARTHED

PLAN TO SEIZE PREMIER LANG

And Throw Him Into River

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Mar. 18. An amazing plot to seize Premier Lang and throw him into the river at the opening of the Sydney Harbour Bridge to-morrow, is disclosed in a wireless message received at Sydney from Mr. Willis, the New South Wales Agent-General in London, to the Colonial Secretary.

The message stated that members of the House of Commons and others interested in Australian affairs held a secret meeting on Thursday evening and discussed the bridge opening, when it was revealed that the "New Guard" movement in New South Wales, an anti-Communist organisation, intended to implement the above plan and strongly urged every precaution to protect the Premier and save the State from a disgraceful act.

The Sydney police regarded the radiogram as a hoax, but Mr. Willis, when interviewed by Reuter in London, said that the message was authentic as he had obtained his information from an unimpeachable source.

POLITICAL ENEMIES MEET

AMUSING INCIDENT IN COMMONS

[Reuter's Special Service.]

LONDON, Mar. 18. An amusing unheeded incident occurred in the House of Commons when Mr. Lloyd George, after taking the oath, accidentally encountered Sir Herbert Samuel, whom he had hotly attacked at a political gathering the previous night. Sir Herbert Samuel was momentarily embarrassed, but quickly took Lloyd George's proffered hand and shook it warmly in full view of the House. Both joined heartily in the general laughter.

LOYD GEORGE ATTENDS HOUSE OF COMMONS

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Mar. 17. For the first time since his long illness, Mr. Lloyd George attended the House of Commons to-day when he took the Oath and signed the Roll.

Despite acute political differences, Mr. Lloyd George as the "Father of the House" and the outstanding figure in British politics is very popular, and he received a warm greeting from all sides of the House.

MR. MONTAGU NORMAN

AGAIN NOMINATED GOVERNOR

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Mar. 17. Mr. Montagu Norman, the Governor of the Bank of England, was congratulated at the half-yearly General Court to-day on his thirtieth nomination to the post.

Mr. Norman said that the profits for the half-year ended February 23, after making provisions for all contingencies, were £267,201, making the amount of the rest on that day, £2,671,430.

After providing for a dividend of six per cent, less income tax, etc., the rest would be £2,661,548.

IMMIGRATION IN U.S.A.

PROPOSED FURTHER QUOTA CUTS

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17. A resolution for the reduction of the immigration quotas by ten per cent, and placing countries in the Western Hemisphere on a quota basis, restricting by ten per cent, the visas issued in 1930, was received favourably by the House of Representatives Migration Committee to-day.

OBITUARY

REV. FRANK DYMOND

46 YEARS A MISSIONARY

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Mar. 17. The death has occurred of the Rev. Frank Dymond, who had been a United Methodist missionary in China for forty-six years, while on home furlough.

The late Mr. Dymond intended to return to Yunnan shortly. He was associated with the Rev. Sam Polard in the foundation of the Miao work.

TO-DAY'S BOAT RACE

CAMBRIDGE CREW FAVOURITES

[Reuter's Special Service.]

LONDON, March 17. Judged by the lack of the usual "beauty contests" and the absence of the customary humorous press-stunting on the Boat Race personnel, Saturday's contest will be the most serious for many years. All attempts to prejudice the result of the race from the work-outs of the crews incline as usual to the "Light Blues."

The Cambridge crew to-day watched Oxford do one of their smartest bits of rowing. Chadwyck-Healey, the Oxford stroke, going all out for two minutes, at 38 in the second.

Cambridge followed with a minute and a half, doing 34 in the first minute and 16 in the remaining thirty seconds. The great race starts at 10.30 a.m. owing to the fact that high tide at Putney is at 11.04 a.m.

CAMBRIDGE CREW'S BAD LUCK

J. R. F. BEST VICTIM OF INFLUENZA

LONDON, Feb. 24.—No change was made in the order of rowing of the Cambridge crew when they resumed their training at Goring yesterday, but after the morning outing the crew received a setback when J. R. F. Best, the stroke, fell sick. As no spare man was available the afternoon outing had to be cancelled.

Best, who had been coughing for several days, complained of feeling unwell when the crew came off the river, and when he was examined it was found he was suffering from influenza. He was ordered to bed and is likely to be out of the boat for a week. In the meantime other oarsmen are being obtained from Cambridge. Order of rowing and latest weights:

D. Haig Thomas (Eton and Lady Margaret) (bow) 11 7
L. Luxton (Melbourne and Pembroke) 12 3
T. G. Askwith (Haileybury and Peterhouse) 11 12
K. M. Payne (Eton and Third Trinity) 12 3
C. A. J. Barrington (Kelly and Queens) 13 8
H. R. N. Rickard (Eton and Third Trinity) 12 8
D. H. E. McKewen (Cheltenham and Pembroke) 12 3
J. R. F. Best (Winchester and Pembroke) (stroke) 10 13
J. M. Rankin (Cheltenham and Pembroke) (cox) 7 7

OXFORD AT HENLEY

REGATTA COURSE ROWED IN GOOD TIME

The conditions at Henley when the Oxford crew resumed training were quite good, the wind having moderated considerably. It was rather dull in the morning, but brighter in the afternoon. Both outings of the crew were extended. Chadwyck-Healey, the stroke, who has been out of the boat for some days suffering from an attack of influenza, arrived at Henley with a clean bill of health before lunch and was out for a spell on the running path in the afternoon.

In the afternoon, after paddling from Leader to Warsh Lock and down to Greenlands, in the course of which several starts were tried, the eight rowed the regatta course under quite good conditions, the little wind there was being a following one, whilst the water was perfectly smooth and there was hardly any stream. Holdsworth started off at 10.18-33 to the minute, dropped to 29, and raised again to 29 before the finish.

Order of rowing and weights:

G. A. Ellison (Westminster and New Coll.) (bow) 11 4
G. M. L. Smith (Winchester and Brasenose) 10 10 1/2
J. de R. Kent (Sherborne and Brasenose) 11 6
C. M. Johnston (Shrewsbury and Brasenose) 12 6
W. D. C. Erskine-Crum (Eton and Christ Church) 12 8
R. A. J. Poole (Eggar and Brasenose) 13 6
W. H. Migotti (Radley and Worcester) 13 5
R. W. G. Holdsworth (Shrewsbury and Brasenose) (str.) 12 1
T. E. Prichard (Chilton and Exeter) (cox) 9 6

PRINCE LENNART NO MORE

NOW ONLY MR. BERNADOTTE

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 18. Prince Lennart has been deprived by a Cabinet decree of his rights of succession and his rights as a hereditary Prince in consequence of his marriage. The name of "Bernadotte" is the only right he retains.

Sports News

FANLING GRAND NATIONAL.

INTERESTING PROGRAMME FOR TO-MORROW.

SOME SELECTIONS FOR PUNTERS.

[By "MORNING DEW"]

To-morrow, the Fanling Hunt and Race Club will be holding the Easter Race Meeting with a programme of seven events and the sport promises in every way to be as good as it has been in the past.

The main event in "The Fanling Grand National and Pierce Grove Memorial" for which there are no fewer than thirteen entries and it is hoped that as many as possible will start for this race over two and a quarter miles.

The programme opens with a steeplechase over a mile and a quarter for Fanling subs and although there are only eight entries, it seems as if the whole eight will face the starter. Loch Ryan, Herga and Mouche appear to be the pick of the bunch and it would not surprise me to see them finish in that order. Cutex was running well until he developed a trick of stopping at the bend just beyond the winning post, but if he can be got to behave himself at that point of the race, it is quite on the cards that he might provide punters with a surprise in the opening race.

For the second race over a mile and three quarters, The Partridge looks very much as if he is unbeatable, but of course there is no telling. I see Ataman among the entries and if the pony does not give much trouble over the jumps he might be a big danger to Mr. Stanton's mount. African Eve is another pony which may find the pace and the going to his liking and will probably repay his supporters.

Grand National.

For the Grand National, Royal Flush, Marquis Hall and Christmas Frolic ought to start about equal favourites as the race appears very open at the moment. Christmas Frolic will be carrying five pounds less than Royal Flush and for that reason, he should give Mr. Heard's pony a good run. However, Marquis Hall at 140 pounds appears to have been let in pretty lightly and one should not overlook this pony's chances. If Ataman is kept for this race he might be able to do well and another very good pony I see among the entries is Vasylock, now belonging to Mr. Reidy.

Australians.

The Australians will have a race all to themselves in the New South Wales Plate over a mile and a half. Fritz looks a certainty in this race as this candidates can both run and jump. Mr. Reinshagen's Kobibel and Robertsbridge are this year's griffins and of the two the latter is more likely to give a race to Fritz than the former, although neither is likely to upset calculations.

Novices.

Over six furlongs Sunning looks very difficult to beat in the race for novices. Mr. Ross has two ponies entered here and if he decides to take out Glorious Stag instead of Sunning, he still has a very good chance of winning. Sonny Boy with Mr. Lee up also has a good chance here, but is not likely to beat Sunning. Mr. Fung will ride Bright Eyes and has a good chance of getting a place.

Ladies' Race.

The Crook, Gamester, Kanpaz and Amethyst are all about the same among the eleven subscription griffins entered for the ladies' race. The Crook will probably last the distance better than the others and is likely to start favourite, although it is obvious that the race is very

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HOME FOOTBALL.

ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH LEAGUES.

FIXTURES FOR TO-DAY.

The following is the programme of football matches to-day in the English and Scottish Leagues:—

Division I.	
Arsenal	v. Newcastle.
Birmingham	v. Wednesday.
Blackburn	v. Liverpool.
Blackpool	v. Aston Villa.
Derby	v. Chelsea.
Everton	v. Huddersfield.
Manchester C.	v. Middlesbrough.
Portsmouth	v. Grimsby.
Sheffield U.	v. Leicester.
Sunderland	v. Bolton.
West Brom.	v. West Ham.
Division II.	
Barnsley	v. Notts Forest.
Bradford C.	v. Bradford.
Bristol C.	v. Preston N.E.
Bury	v. Stoke.
Leeds	v. Manchester U.
Millwall	v. Wolves.
Notts C.	v. Chesterfield.
Oldham	v. Southampton.
Plymouth	v. Burnley.
Port Vale	v. Charlton.
Swansea	v. Tottenham.
Division III. (South).	
Brentford	v. Swindon.
Cardiff	v. Bournemouth.
Coventry	v. Torquay.
Exeter	v. Clapton.
Fulham	v. Brighton.
Gillingham	v. Bristol R.
Luton	v. Queen's P.R.
Northampton	v. Crystal P.
Reading	v. Watford.
Southend	v. Mansfield.
Thames	v. Norwich.
Division III. (North).	
Barrow	v. Doncaster.
Chester	v. Tranmere.
Darlington	v. Accrington.
Gateshead	v. Crewe.
Halifax	v. Wrexham.
Hartlepool	v. Rotherham.
Hull	v. Southport.
Lincoln	v. York.
New Brighton	v. Rochdale.
Walsall	v. Carlisle.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE	
Aberdeen	v. Hamilton.
Ayr	v. Cowdenbush.
Clyde	v. Queen's Park.
Dundee	v. Airdrie.
Falkirk	v. Dundee U.
Leith	v. Morton.
Motherwell	v. Partick.
Rangers	v. Kilmarnock.
St. Mirren	v. Celtic.
Third Lanark	v. Hearts.

open. A big dividend is likely in this race as in the last race which is over approximately two miles of fair hunting country. The winner of this race will be presented with a Cup from H.E. the Governor.

SELECTIONS.

Race 1.

Loch Ryan.
Herga.
Mouche.

Race 2.

The Partridge.
Ataman.
African Eve.

Race 3.

Christmas Frolic.
Royal Flush.
Marquis Hall.

Race 4.

Fritz.
Robertsbridge.
The Bustard.

Race 5.

Sunning.
Bright Eyes.
Sonny Boy.

Race 6.

The Crook.
Gamester.
Kanpaz.

Race 7.

Fern Leaf.
Country Club.
Kirribilli.

H.K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

FINCHER BEATS TSUI.

FINE RECOVERY BY WINNER.

The much awaited Open Singles match between E. C. Fincher and Tsui Wai Pui was decided yesterday, resulting in a win for the former by the odd set. Fincher started favourite by virtue of his good record in the game, but Tsui had previously shown up so well this season that some doubt prevailed as to the outcome. On that account a large number of spectators turned up at the Stand Court. Tsui made a big impression by taking the first set. He matched his more experienced opponent in all departments of the game. A good struggle followed, in which play reached a high standard, Fincher meeting with a certain amount of success in his attempts to force the pace, but failed to break Tsui's sound defence. The score went to 5-3 in favour of the Chinese, at which stage Fincher in spectacular manner took two games. Tsui, however, held his own and cleverly out-playing Fincher snatched the set at 7-5.

Tsui Spent Out.

That, however, proved the turning point of the match, and not long afterwards in the second set, it became evident that Tsui had spent himself in his mighty effort to win the first set. The first game went to him, but Fincher quickly turned the scales in his favour by a relentless offensive which had Tsui out-generalled. The Kowloon man left Tsui running all over the court. Tsui won only one more game in this set. Keeping up the pressure, which had such great effect in the second set, Fincher demonstrated his superiority by winning the final set at 6-0. Tsui, who showed signs of strain, defended feebly, while the winner hit at will.

Champions Progress.

H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn met and defeated J. A. Cassimboy and J. Leonard in the third round of the Open Doubles and thus join their rivals, E. C. Fincher and L. Goldman, in occupying one of the last eight places. They proved much too speedy and effective at the net for their opponents.

In a Chinese tie, Ho Ka Lau and Yew Kit beat the Li Brothers in a long drawn out struggle by the odd set. They now meet T. Honda and T. Akiyama.

RESULTS.

The results of yesterday's matches follow:—

Open Singles.

4th Round:—E. C. Fincher beat W. P. Tsui 5-7, 6-2, 6-0.

Open Doubles.

H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn beat J. Leonard and J. A. Cassimboy 6-2, 6-3.

Ho Ka Lau and Yew Man Kit beat Li Woon Tsoi and Li Wai Tsoi 6-11, 6-1, 6-3.

Club Championship.

Y. Segalen beat J. Barrow 6-0, 5-7, 6-2.

A. H. Harkins beat S. O. Hill 6-0, 6-1.

Handicap Singles "A."

Waite (scr.) beat Monaghan (own) 2/0 6-4, 6-2.

JAPANESE BEATS LOCAL PLAYERS.

Tuwabara, now on his way to Europe to join the other members of the Japanese Davis Cup Team, gave exhibitions at the Cricket Club yesterday, and proved too good for the three local players who met him. Sullivan showed up best among the locals.

The scores were:—
beat Honda 6-4, 6-3.
beat Sullivan 6-3, 6-4.
beat S. A. Rumjahn 6-1, 6-2.

HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

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The Report and Accounts may be raised.

SECONDER'S SPEECH.

Sir Henry Pollock, in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts said:—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and the statement of accounts, and it is unnecessary for me to say much after the full and informative speech which has just been made by the Chairman.

The following three points, in regard to the past year, seem to me to be matters for congratulation. The first is the very satisfactory increase in the balance of our Working Account for 1931 over that for 1930, notwithstanding the very low rate of exchange which prevailed during the greater part of 1931. The second point is the fact that our bus services have notwithstanding a very moderate scale of fares, been run at a profit. The third point is the fact that the Wagons-Lits Hotel, in which our Company has an interest of about ninety-five per cent, has paid off all its debentures and has effected a distribution of ten per cent. on its Ordinary shares.

In short, it may safely be asserted that the Company is in a strong cash position, which will be yet further improved by the almost complete elimination of the item for Bank Interest, after the new issue of two million of dollars has been taken up in the middle of this year. It is interesting to hear that the Board received an offer of six and a half million dollars for the Astor House and Palace Hotels during the past year. Personally I am confident that the International Settlement at Shanghai will continue to increase in prosperity, seeing that it is such a splendid example of the magnificent results which can be achieved by Chinese and Foreigners together, working in friendly co-operation with one another for the general good.

MR. ALVES' SPEECH.

Mr. J. M. Alves, in supporting, said:—I am quite in agreement with Sir Henry Pollock in his view as to the increasing prosperity of Shanghai. Considering the restricted area of the International Settlement, and the protection it can afford to its residents in times of trouble, as was fully proved during recent events there, I am sure that many shareholders will join with me in commending the foresight of the Directors in having turned down an offer of six and a half million dollars for our two properties, which are so well situated in the very centre of the business section of Shanghai, and the value of which must undoubtedly increase as time goes on. I have watched with much gratification the progress of this Company, and if tangible evidence is needed as to its stability one has but to study the figures presented to-day, bearing in mind the difficulties that had to be faced during a long period following the depression of 1925. Speaking for myself, optimistic as I am of the growing importance of Shanghai, I should feel indeed reluctant to entertain any idea of abandoning our establishments there. I would prefer rather to see our properties in the Northern Port—located as they are in such suitable positions to cater for the business in which the Company is engaged—developed along modern lines. I refer particularly to our Astor House site—very close to which as you may probably know a 22-storied building is in course of construction. Gentlemen, such a policy, if pursued carefully, will, I am confident, redound with much financial benefit to the Company. With these remarks I beg to associate myself with what Sir Henry has just said. The motion was unanimously adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS.

On the proposition of Mr. J. E. Wright, seconded by Mr. J. P. Sherry, Mr. W. H. Bell's appointment to the Directorate was confirmed, and Mr. J. Scott Harston was re-elected to the Board. Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-appointed auditors on the motion of Mr. F. M. Ellis, seconded by Mr. G. H. Potts, this concluding the business.

Resolutions Adopted.

At the extraordinary general meeting which followed, it was proposed by the Chairman, and seconded by Mr. H. L. Ho that the four resolutions authorising the issue of 25,000,000 of new capital be adopted, and the motion was unanimously carried. The meeting similarly signified its approval of the resolution for the alteration to the Articles of Association for the introduction of alternate directors, after it had been proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. N. V. A. Croucher.

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR TO-MORROW.

New Course.	
9.20 a.m.	Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stewart.
9.28	Mrs. Rodgers and Mrs. Forsyth.
9.36	W. L. Alexander and W. Drake.
9.44	Mrs. Kerr and Mrs. Wood.
9.52	Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Drake.
10.00	Mrs. Sherry and H. M. Muir.
10.08	E. P. Fletcher and L. A. R. Dunne.
10.32	Reserved for Lady Peel.

Old Course.

9.16-9.20 a.m.	Not to be booked by travellers on 8.28 train.
9.24 a.m.	A. E. Lissaman* and W. R. Vallance*.
9.28	J. Harrop* and T. Low*.
9.32	P. S. Grant and S. S. Perry.
9.36	P. L. Leefe and F. M. Ellis.
9.40	G. H. Bond and H. W. M. Dullay.
9.44	W. C. Shields* and W. D. Denham.
9.48	A. R. Cox and J. G. Campbell.
9.52	L. R. Andrews and J. B. Laayon.

9.56	H. E. Mandy and H. Hampton.	10.48	Burg-Old. J. G. Bond and Comdr. McBean.
10.00	F. S. Cable and H. T. Buxton.	10.52	R. A. Rodgers and H. R. Forsyth.
10.04	J. P. Sherry and R. W. Gardner.	10.56	G. V. T. Marshall and H. Lowe.
10.08	D. J. Mackie and K. W. Jones.	11.00	A. C. I. Bowker and C. W. F. Booker.
10.12	J. C. Dunbar and R. C. Webb.	11.04	Wallace Harper and C. L. Shank.
10.16	G. A. Leiper and C. W. Tolmie.	11.08	J. H. Anderson and D. M. MacDougall.
10.20	T. R. Chassels and R. W. Smith.	11.12	C. Blaker, and J. W. Alabaster.
10.24	A. D. Humphreys and W. Mullenby.	11.16	C. C. Stark and Hon. Comdr. G. F. Hole.
10.28	D. S. Robb and J. A. R. Selby.	11.20	E. Stone and J. Coulthart.
10.32	H. P. Bailey and W. D. Harris.	11.24	H. H. Potbick and J. W. Mayhew.
10.36	A. Reid and R. C. Law.	11.28	A. O. Brown and E. Des Vaux.
10.40	J. E. Richardson and R. M. Wood.		*Get caddies from Superintendent.
10.44	J. B. MacDonald and D. Black.		

MACAO GREYHOUND RACING CLUB.

DOG RACING

SATURDAY-NIGHT at 8.30 p.m. SUNDAY at 2 p.m.

TO MACAO STEAMERS:—
SAT. 8 a.m. "SUI AN" SAT. 2 p.m. "SUI AN"
2 p.m. "CHUEN CHOW" SUN. 5.30 p.m. "LUNG SHAN"
SUN. 9 a.m. "LUNG SHAN"

ROTOR



In England now

Cowes week is over. Grouse shooting's begun. Already the first plump birds have arrived by plane. But grouse is not the only good thing that comes out of Scotland. There is Whisky. Johnnie Walker. Devised by nature and mankind as the right drink to offer at all times . . . as an essential part of any social function . . . as the symbol and silent expression of friendship between men.

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THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the General Managers have (with the sanction of the Consulting Committee of this Company obtained at a Meeting of such Committee held here on the 14th day of March 1932) made a Call of \$50 per share in respect of the monies unpaid on the shares held by the Shareholders and that such Call should be paid on Wednesday the 30th day of March 1932 to the General Managers at the Office of the Company.

That the General Managers have (with the like sanction of the Consulting Committee) determined to employ the sum of \$400,000 part of the Reserve Fund of the Company in paying a Special Dividend of \$50 per share on the shares of the Company held by the Shareholders and that such Special Dividend shall be payable on the 30th day of March 1932.

Warrants for the Special Dividend can be obtained on application to the General Managers at the Office of the Company.

Should any shareholder fail to pay the amount of said Call on the 30th day of March 1932 the General Managers will on the 31st day of March 1932 apply the amount of the above mentioned Special Dividend due to him in payment and satisfaction of the said Call.

After payment or satisfaction of the said Call in the manner above indicated a Memorandum showing the extent to which the shares are then paid up will be endorsed on all Certificates of Shares presented to the General Managers at the Office of the Company.

The Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed from the 16th day of March 1932 to the 30th day of March 1932 both days inclusive.

Dated this 15th day of March 1932.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Managers

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

[1932]

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Sixty-third Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the undersigned on WEDNESDAY, the 30th MARCH 1932, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1931.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 16th to the 30th March 1932, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,

General Managers,

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1932. [1932]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 43rd Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Thursday, the 31st day of March, 1932, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1931.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 12th March, 1932, to Thursday, 31st March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

ALLAN KEITH,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 1st March, 1932. [1932]

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held in the Company's Board Room, 3rd Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 24th March, 1932, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1931, electing Directors and Auditors, and for the transaction of any other Ordinary business of the Company.

NOTICE is also hereby given that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Monday, 14th March, 1932, until Thursday, 24th March, 1932, both days inclusive, during which period no transfers of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board

D. L. KING,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 7th March, 1932.

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LAMBERTS AUCTIONS

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE

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CHINA ENTERTAINMENT AND LAND INVESTMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 6th Floor, on Wednesday, the 23rd day of March, 1932, at 12 Noon, to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1931, to elect Auditors, and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

And notice is further hereby given that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 14th to the 23rd day of March, 1932, both days inclusive.

LIANG CHI HAO,

Managing Director.

Hong Kong, 1st Mar., 1932. [1932]

CHINA ENTERTAINMENT AND LAND INVESTMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the China Entertainment & Land Investment Co., Ltd., will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 6th Floor, at 12.15 p.m. on Wednesday, the 23rd day of March 1932, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following Resolution:—

"That there shall be added to Article 71 of the Articles of Association of the Company the words:—

"but the Chairman shall receive double remuneration."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the China Entertainment & Land Investment Co., Ltd., will be held at 12 o'clock Noon on Wednesday the 18th day of April, 1932 for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the above-mentioned Meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution the above-mentioned Resolution.

Dated this Second day of March 1932

LIANG CHI HAO,

Managing Director.

[1932]

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING will be held at the Company's Office, F. & O. Building, on WEDNESDAY, 23rd MARCH, 1932, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1931, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th MARCH, 1932 to 23rd MARCH, 1932, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,

Agents.

Hong Kong, 17th Feb., 1932. [1932]

CHURCH NOTICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, Hong Kong.

MARCH 20, 1932:—

PALM SUNDAY.

Holy Communion, 8 a.m.

Holy Communion (Peak Church), 8 a.m.

Children's Service, 10 a.m.

Matins and Sermon, 11 a.m.

Preacher:—The Very Rev. The Dean.

Subject:—"Detachment."

Holy Communion at 12.15 p.m.

Evangelism, 6.30 p.m.

Preacher:—The Rev. H. V. Koop.

Subject:—"The Eternal Spirit."

PROTESTANT CEMETERY CHAPEL, Evensong and Address, 4.15 p.m.

Holy Week Services.

MONDAY

7.45 a.m. Holy Communion.

9.00 a.m. Matins.

10.30 p.m. Evensong and Address, Rev. F. Freeman, M.A.

TUESDAY

7.45 a.m. Holy Communion.

9.00 a.m. Matins.

10.30 p.m. Evensong and Address, Rev. F. Freeman, M.A.

WEDNESDAY

7.45 a.m. Holy Communion.

9.00 a.m. Matins.

10.30 p.m. Evensong and Address, Rev. F. Freeman, M.A.

THURSDAY

7.45 a.m. Holy Communion.

9.00 a.m. Matins.

10.30 p.m. Evensong and Address, Rev. F. Freeman, M.A.

Good Friday

7.45 a.m. Matins, Litany & Ante Communion.

10.00 a.m. Children's Service.

11.15 a.m. The Three Hours Devotion.

Rev. G. K. Carpenter, M.A.,

Warden of St. John's Hall.

9.15 p.m. Passion Music.

EASTER EVE

10.00 a.m. Ante Communion.

8.30 p.m. Festal Evensong.

Easter Day

7.45 a.m. Holy Communion.

8.30 a.m. Choral Eucharist.

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Peak Church.

9.15 a.m. Parade Service.

10.00 a.m. Children's Service.

11.00 a.m. Matins and Sermon.

Preacher:—The Bishop of Victoria.

12.15 p.m. Holy Communion.

6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

Preacher:—The Very Rev. The Dean.

MONDAY IN EASTER WEEK

10.00 a.m. Matins.

10.15 a.m. Holy Communion.

TUESDAY IN EASTER WEEK

7.45 a.m. Holy Communion.

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FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.

(Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., U.S.A.)

MACDONNELL ROAD, BELOW BOWEN ROAD TRAM STATION.

SUNDAY SERVICE, March 20, 1932, 11.15 a.m.—

Subject:—"MATTER."

The Sunday School is held on Sunday Mornings, 10 o'clock.

Wednesday Evening Meeting, 8.00 p.m.

Reading Room at above address open Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon Monday and Thursday, 5.30 to 7 p.m.

The Public is cordially invited to attend the services and visit the Reading Room.

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WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH, Wanchai

The following are the forthcoming services, etc., at the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wanchai,

(Opposite Royal Naval Hospital, Queen's Road, East).

SUNDAY, March 20, 1932:—

PALM SUNDAY.

Morning Service, 10.15 a.m.

Evening Service, 8 p.m.

Preacher:—Rev. E. H. H. Tribbeck.

Sunday School will meet, 3 p.m. at the Church (Open School—Special blackboard lesson).

Photography

USEFUL HINTS FOR THE BEGINNER.

[By "SNAP-SHOOTER"]

XIII.

Making prints from negatives is a simple process requiring the observance of certain rules applicable to the kind of paper in use. In instructions in this respect are enclosed in each packet of paper, but as such directions and those given in text books do not completely help the novice, I propose to explain the various processes in a simple but helpful way for the beginner.

The novice without any idea of the manner in which prints are obtained from negatives can be confident of obtaining successful results by following these notes. It must be remembered that the self-printer, besides deriving considerable satisfaction from his work, has the choice of a variety of papers to suit his fancy. There is also the advantage of securing pictures which would retain their freshness and colour for years to come. Not every dealer is so conscientious as to fix thoroughly and wash the prints which they do for their customers. The result is that the pictures fade away after some time.

Printing Processes.

Beginners in printing generally start with daylight printing paper known in the old days as P.O.P. This paper requires fixing in plain hypo only and is essentially intended for work in the daytime. Seltona, for instance, comes under this class and can be recommended for the purpose.

Bromide papers, being coated with a highly sensitive substance, have to be treated in the same way as in the development of films, that is to say, in a darkened room, though a brighter-yellow light instead of the ruby lamp is permissible. The fact that a darkened room is necessary for handling this paper may not appeal to many aspirants in the art of printing. The quality of picture obtained from bromide paper, however, fully compensates the worker for the extra trouble.

The most popular form of printing to-day is done on gaslight paper. This is the paper used by dealers in making the many thousands of small prints for their customers. This paper can be handled in a room with a light burning without fear of fogging it.

Apparatus Necessary.

In the course of these notes I will deal with the treatment of each of the papers mentioned above, but it is useful at the outset to advise the beginner as to the apparatus which is necessary. In my recent articles I mentioned the requirements in the way of dishes, etc., for development of film. These utensils are also applicable in the process of printing.

A printing frame is about the only extra necessary. It should be of a size slightly larger than the negative in the same way as I have explained the choice of dish sizes. The developer which I mentioned in the case of treating films can be used in the printing of bromide and gaslight papers. One bottle of concentrated developer therefore serves a dual purpose and results in economy to the worker who is not called upon to keep different developers for films and papers.

Daylight Printing.

Seltona, or any of the other daylight printing papers on the market, are supplied in a variety of grades such as matt and glossy. It is purely a matter of taste, but while some prefer to see their pictures on a rough surface, others desire a shiny surface which is obtained from glossy paper.

Before inserting the negative in the printing frame, care must be taken to see that the glass of the frame is thoroughly clean and free from dust. The negative is placed with the shiny side towards the glass and the dull side uppermost. A sheet of paper with the emulsion side downwards is then placed on the negative, the back replaced, and the clips fastened. The back of the printing frame, it will be noticed, has a hinge which divides it into the proportion of about two-thirds and one-third. It is advisable to have the negative and paper firmly secured in the one-third portion so that the density of the paper may be watched by unfastening the large portion.

Exposure to Light.

The exposure of the glass side of the printing frame to light results in the image of the negative being transferred to the paper in the form of a positive print. The frame should not be exposed to strong sunlight but should be placed on a window sill or verandah where there is plenty of light.

It will be noticed that after some time the parts of the paper which overlap the negative will assume a darker tone. At first the image

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HONG KONG STOCK MARKET.

YESTERDAY'S OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

Rates were further marked up yesterday morning, establishing the highest level for the week, at which there was quite an active demand all round.

Sales.

Docks \$27.
Two Cottons Tls. 14.60/14.70.
Star Ferries \$90.
Telephones (P.P.) \$23.
Hong Kong Ropes \$18.
Constructions (Old) \$3/3.40.

Buyers.

Providents (Old) \$4.35.
Providents (New) \$2.30.
Hotels \$14.15.
Hotels (New) \$13.85.
Hong Kong Lands \$74.
Hong Kong Realities \$10.30.
Chinese Estates \$25.
Hong Kong Trams \$20.00.
Star Ferries \$91.
China Lights (Old) \$20.
China Lights (New) \$20.
Hong Kong Electric \$74.
Telephones (P.P.) \$23.
Canton Ices \$5.
Cements (Combined) \$18.
Cements (New) \$18.
Hong Kong Ropes \$18.
Dairy Farms \$28/28.60.
Lane, Crawford's (Old) \$5.
Lane, Crawford's (New) \$5.
Amusements \$20.
Constructions (Old) \$3.
Constructions (New) \$1.60.
Hong Kong Government Loans 4 per cent. premium.

Sellers.

Hong Kong Bank \$1,400.
South China Motors "B" \$19.
Humphreys \$18.
Malayan Sugars \$22.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Sales.

Hotels (Old) \$14.
Hong Kong Lands \$75.
Two Cottons Tls. 14.90.
Hong Kong Trams \$21.
Telephones (P.P.) \$24.
Cements (Combined) \$18.80.
Hong Kong Ropes \$17.
Dairy Farms \$28/28.60.

Buyers.

Providents (Old) \$4.05.
Hotels (Old) \$14.20.
Hotels (New) \$13.95.
Hong Kong Lands \$75.
Hong Kong Realities \$10.
Two Cottons Tls. 14.75.
Hong Kong Trams \$21.15.
Star Ferries \$91.
China Lights (Old) \$21.
Hong Kong Electric (New) \$20.
Telephones (P.P.) \$24.
Cements (Combined) \$18.
Cements (New) \$18.
Dairy Farms \$28.

WEEKLY REPORT.

The market was more or less stagnant in the early part of the week, but in the latter part a rapid recovery set in both in the volume of business and rates.

The cause of the sudden change must be attributed, partly at least, to the more hopeful political outlook in the North.

Closing quotations are the highest for the week.

Closing Rates: Buyers.

Providents (Old) \$4.05.
Hotels (Old) \$14.20.
Hotels (New) \$13.95.
Hong Kong Lands \$75.
Hong Kong Realities \$10.
Hong Kong Trams \$21.15.
Star Ferries \$91.
China Lights (Old) \$21.
China Lights (New) \$20.
Telephones (P.P.) \$24.
Cements (Combined) \$18.
Cements (New) \$18.
Dairy Farms \$28.
Two Cottons Tls. 14.75.

Sales During the Week.

Union Insurance \$145.
H.K. and W. Docks \$27.
Hong Kong Hotels (Old) \$14.
Hong Lands \$74 to \$75.
Hong Kong Trams \$20.00 to \$21.
Star Ferries \$90 to \$90.
Telephones (Part Paid) \$23 to \$24.
Cements (Combined) \$18.20 to \$18.50.
Hong Kong Ropes \$18 to \$17.
Dairy Farms \$28 to \$28.60.
Sinceres \$14.70.
Constructions (Old) \$3 to \$4.40.
Constructions (New) \$1.80 to \$1.95.
Two Cottons Tls. 14 to Tls. 14.90.

WATERBOAT CO.

DIVIDEND OF 50 CENTS.

The Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., advise that, subject to audit, the net balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account for the year ended Dec. 31, 1931 is \$25,408.40, which amount the members of the Consulting Committee will, at the approaching meeting of shareholders, recommend be allocated as follows:—

Pay a dividend of 50 cents per share \$10,400.50
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CANTON'S CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME.

PUBLIC WORKS FOR YEAR.

The construction programme of the municipality of Canton, China, now in progress, and inaugurated July 1, 1931, may be summarized as follows:

	United States currency.
Road construction	\$970,092
Port and wharf construction	385,000
Suspension bridge	165,000
Sewerage system	245,160
Public buildings:	
Schools	146,300
Other	167,200
Dwelling houses in special areas for the poor, etc.	56,800
Other	38,000
Total	2,212,432

The municipality has appointed a special commission to pass on plans for municipal improvements. It is the purpose to divide the city into 13 zones and to institute improvements in these zones successively. In the first zone on which work is to be started it is planned to provide for the construction of a number of avenues of a uniform width of 80 feet, flanked with 12-foot sidewalks and lined with shade trees.

Old Buildings Demolished.

Buildings over five years old are to be demolished or reconstructed within two years, so that all buildings in the zone may conform to the plan of the commission. Mortgages will be arranged by the municipality for property owners who lack the necessary capital to finance new construction. Each two years a new zone will be handled in the same way, so that the entire programme will spread over a period of 30 years. It is planned to meet reconstruction expenses by loans, which it is thought can be raised so long as the programme meets popular requirements.

In the city proper a total of 72,340 ft. of road is to be constructed during the present year, in addition to a considerable programme laid down for Honam Island and other suburbs. The building programme includes the erection of 100 dwelling houses for the poor and for people now living in boats; a new municipal building, which will require two years to complete; 24 public markets; four school dormitories and a manual-training school.

The new sewerage system introduced is expected to require three years for completion. Port works at Chewantani (Honam Island) involve the construction of an embankment nearly a

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ELECTRICITY IN JAVA.

DIESEL ELECTRIC POWER STATION IN MAGELANG.

The power station in Magelang, which was originally equipped with two 500-h.p. Sulzer four-cylinder four-cycle Diesel engines, has recently been extended by the erection of a 1,000-h.p. Sulzer airless-injection Diesel engine. Magelang is situated about 1,300-ft. above sea level, in the midst of extensive sugar-cane plantations. Sugar-making itself requires no power from outside sources, since the ampas obtained from the cane after the juice has been pressed out, can be used as boiler fuel and raises sufficient steam. The Diesel engines, which are coupled to AEG-flywheel generators, therefore, serve almost exclusively for supplying light to Magelang and district. The new 1,000-h.p. Diesel engine runs at 214 revs. per min., whilst the two engines first installed run at 375 revs. per min.

When the power station was extended, the electricity company decided to extend also their power stations at Pokalongan and Togal, by installing a Sulzer Diesel engine of the same type and of the same power in each of them. By having all three engines of the same type and size, the stock of spare parts can be much reduced.

mile long to be completed within two years, of which 1,000 feet has been finished. Embankments are also being constructed along the western and middle sections of the Pearl River, and some of this work is already completed. Various wharves are being rebuilt. The suspension bridge across the Pearl River, which is being constructed by an American company, is expected to be completed by the summer of 1932.

NEW CHINESE GUNBOATS.

The Chinese Ministry of the Navy announces that two new gunboats, Kiangning and Haining, are due to be completed at the Kiangnan Dock next June, while work on a third began a few weeks ago. The three gunboats are identical in construction and armaments, being each 128 feet long, 28 feet wide, with a tonnage of 300 tons and a draft of six feet. They will have a speed of 11 knots. Besides being armed with two 3-inch guns and four machine-guns, they will also be equipped with short-wave and long-wave wireless apparatus. The cost is Tls. 150,000 for each boat.

POWER PLANT AT ICHANG.

The Chinese Ministry of Industry announces that a fifty million dollar water power project near Ichang is to be constructed within three years. Mr. Chen Kung Po, the Minister has already authorized the construction of a 40,000 kilowatt hydro-electric power plant at Ichang as part of the five-year industrial plan for the development of the Yangtze Valley. According to experts the flow of water in the Ichang gorge was recorded as 900,000 cubic feet a second last October and he estimates that horse power to the total of 22,000,000 can be developed there. The 40,000 kilowatt station at Ichang will first be constructed, utilizing 20,000 horse power of what is available there.

NEW DIESEL TUG FOR RANGOON.

THREE NEW LIGHTSHIPS BUILT.

The steadily increasing use of the Diesel engine for marine propulsion is a matter of frequent comment in connection with such compilations as Lloyd's Register returns, as regards large vessels, but the application of this form of prime mover to small ships, such as trawlers, drifters, etc., does not in general receive so much notice. The firm of Posters, Ltd., Yeovil, which has developed its two-stroke heavy oil engine for marine work, has recently supplied a set for a tugboat, operating abroad, which is proving very successful. It has, as a matter of fact, enabled a speed of 14 knots in excess of the contract figure to be obtained.

This boat is employed on a somewhat unusual service, viz., that of hauling large gasoline floats at Rangoon, and special precautions have therefore been taken to prevent emission of sparks from the engine exhaust. The vessel is 73 feet long, 14 feet beam and 7 feet moulded depth. The main engine is a two-stroke "Atomic" Diesel of 100 h.p. at 330 r.p.m., the propeller drive being direct. There are four cylinders arranged independently on the bedplate, with accessible main bearings between them. Despite this apparent wide spacing, the engine is a compact one, the total overall length including the Mitchell thrust block being only 14 feet, with a total length of 6 feet and a width of 25 feet.

The control wheel, which moves in one direction for all operations, enables the engine to be reversed in about four seconds and also regulates the speed. This prompt reversal and ease of control at any speed is particularly valuable in a vessel such as a tug, which generally requires considerable manoeuvring. The governor control makes continuous operation possible at idling speeds, at any rate down to 25 per cent. of normal speed.

Three Lightships.

Another important contract for Rangoon which has just been completed concerns the building of three lightships at the Saltney yard of J. Chrichton & Co., Ltd., under the supervision of the Gas Accumulator Co. These lightships have been constructed of Armo iron plates for the special purpose of resisting corrosion and are for the use of the Rangoon Harbour Commissioners.

They are being shipped complete on board the Norwegian motor vessel Belnor at Liverpool. Each lightship weighs approximately 140 tons with the necessary lifting beams, and their loading on board and carriage by the Belnor will add to the already large number of heavy bulk cargoes which have been carried all over the world by the "Bel" motor-ship fleet.

The lightships are 70 feet long between perpendiculars, 27 feet wide, and 13 feet 6 inches deep. The height of the focal plane is increased to 16 feet above the waterline and the light apparatus is mounted on a gas constant level apparatus with fixed flashing lights of 1,750 candle-power, having a flash of three-quarters of a second and an eclipse period of two seconds. There are also riding lights fore and aft, the lanterns being fitted with 10-litre burners set to 40 flashes per minute. The main light, the riding lights fore and aft, and the carbonic acid fogbell all operate automatically for one year without attention, and the light and fogbell are under sun-valve control. This is sensitive even to the passing of a heavy cloud. In addition to this automatic equipment, there is an ordinary 10 gwt. bell gong mounted on deck. The light and bell mechanism was partly dismantled for the voyage, and when the Belnor reaches her destination the mechanism will be reassembled by the representatives of the Gas Accumulator Co. This will take several days. It is interesting to note that a previous lightship, which was the first to be carried in a completed condition, was unloaded and ready on its station three days after arrival at the port of discharge.

EAST AND WEST

SOUTH WALES DOCKS TRAFFIC.

The sea-borne traffic of the South Wales docks in the first four weeks of this year, viz., 1,070,194 tons, was 503,373 tons more than was handled in the corresponding period of last year. This was, however, due to an increase in coal and coke shipments of 522,469 tons to 1,557,039 tons, as a result of a two-and-a-half weeks' strike of Welsh coal miners a year ago, in connection with the 74 hours day. Exports as a whole were raised by 228,532 tons to 1,716,747 tons, but imports were reduced by 24,657 tons to 253,447 tons. Imports of iron and steel were, however, raised from 31,554 tons to 36,130 tons, but of pitwood reduced by 23,849 tons to 28,173 tons, in consequence of the intermittent working of the collieries. Arrivals of oil also fell from 35,423 tons to only 5,351 tons, while imports of general merchandise were raised by 24,898 tons to 55,161 tons.

ROUGH DIAMONDS.

"Every schoolboy knows" how to cut glass with a diamond, but it is doubtful if even Macaulay, were he living today, would have known that diamonds could also be used for cutting metal. Yet thousands of motorists have to thank precious stones for the smooth running of their cars.

Diamonds are used extensively in the motor trade for putting a very smooth surface on pistons, but at the Wolseley engine factory they have gone a stage further and now use "coarse" diamonds for imparting a beautiful polished finish to crankshaft bearings. Though they call the stones coarse, they cost anything from £80 to £120 each!

NATIONAL CERTIFICATES IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING.

The National Certificates and Diplomas in electrical engineering, awarded in England and Wales by the Institution of Electrical Engineers in conjunction with the Board of Education, totalled 800 in 1931, compared with 784 in 1930 and 698 in 1929. In 1931, ordinary certificates numbered 592, higher certificates 270, post-higher certificates 8, ordinary diplomas 8, and higher diplomas 3.

BRITISH MANUFACTURERS AND RUSSIAN TRADE.

Sheffield is doing an increasing amount of engineering work for Russia, and prospects of expansion are considered favourable by many trade organizations. A movement is on foot locally to form a Russian Trade Section, so that manufacturers can meet together and discuss all questions relating to business with this market which at one time was one of the largest buyers of certain of Sheffield's steel specialties. It is thought that some form of collaboration with other important industrial centres, which have formed similar sections, might be found beneficial in considering such matters as terms of credit.

SLOOP FOR SCRAPPING.

H.M.S. Magnolia, Commander H. A. C. Dick, has returned to Sheerness from the China Station, where she has been relieved by the new sloop Folkestone, Commander N. D. B. Taylor, D. S. O. The Magnolia was among the early vessels of the "Acacia" type, built for minesweeping, convoy and general duties during the War, and commonly known as the "herbaceous border." She had been serving since 1919 on the China Station, and is now to be scrapped.

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SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	SUNNING	On 20th Mar., 10 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	KWANGCHOW	On 21st Mar., Noon
NEWCHANG	CHENGTO	On 21st Mar., 5 p.m.
SHANGHAI	LUCHOW	On 22nd Mar., 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	SHANTUNG	On 22nd Mar., 10 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	SINKIANG	On 23rd Mar., 10 a.m.
DALNY	CHINHUA	On 23rd Mar., 5 p.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	TAIYUAN	On 23rd Mar., 5 p.m.
TIENTSIN	KANOHOW	On 23rd Mar., 5 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	KINGYUAN	On 25th Mar., 10 a.m.
SWATOW, WHAIHAI		
CHIEFOO & TIENTSIN	HUICHOW	On 25th Mar., 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI, NEWCHANG & DALNY	TAMING	On 26th Mar., 5 p.m.
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	KIUNGCHOW	On 26th Mar., 5 p.m.
SHANGHAI, CHIEFOO & TIENTSIN	CHUNGKING	On 26th Mar., 5 p.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	ANTUNG	On 27th Mar., 8 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	SZECHUEN	On 27th Mar., 10 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	ANSHUN	On 27th Mar., Noon
SWATOW, WHAIHAI		
CHIEFOO & TIENTSIN	KUICHOW	On 28th Mar., 10 a.m.
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	KINGYUAN	On 28th Apr., 5 p.m.

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STATION	MARCH 17, 1932.										MARCH 18, 1932.									
	Hour	Barom.	Therm.	Wind	Humid.	Clouds	Wind	Humid.	Clouds	Barom.	Therm.	Wind	Humid.	Clouds	Wind	Humid.	Clouds	Wind	Humid.	Clouds
Wladivostok	12	29.55	74.7	25	...	W	1	b	3	30.11	78.0	18	...	NW	1	b	...	...	...	...
Nemuro	11	29.55	73.0	...	...	WNW	1	...	...	29.81	78.0	...	...	WNW	1	...	...	...	...	...
Hakodate	...	29.55	75.0	...	...	W	1	...	...	29.82	78.5	...	...	WNW	1	...	...	...	...	...
Tokio	...	30.02	76.2	...	...	WNW	1	...	...	30.04	78.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kobe	...	30.16	78.0	...	...	SW	1	...	...	30.26	78.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nagasaki	...	30.26	78.0	...	...	N	1	...	...	30.26	78.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kagoshima	...	30.26	78.0	...	...	NW	1	...	...	30.26	78.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oshima	...	30.26	78.0	...	...	N	1	...	...	30.26	78.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Naha	...	30.26	78.0	...	...	NNE	2	...	...	30.26	78.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ishigakijima	...	30.12	78.5	...	...	E	3	...	...	30.08	78.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bonin Island	...	30.10	78.5	...	...	NW	1	...	...	30.12	78.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chesoo	13	30.28	78.7	43	8	ESE	4	b	6	30.19	78.7	38	6	S	2	0	...	...	...	...
Shanghai	14	30.26	78.5	68	8	ESE	2	0	...	30.19	78.7	45	6	SE	4	0	...	...	...	...
Gutzlaff	...	30.39	77.0	47	4	ESE	4	m	...	30.24	78.1	45	6	SE	4	0	...	...	...	...
Wenchow	...	30.13	78.3	68	8	N	2	r	7	30.07	78.3	54	4	NNW	2	...	...	...	...	...
Foochow	...	30.18	78.3	61	6	N	2	0	6	30.09	78.2	58	...	E	1	0	...	...	...	...
Amoy	...	30.15	78.7	61	...	E	9	0	...	30.23	78.2	61	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Swatow	...	30.16	78.0	65	...	E	6	0	5	30.24	78.1	59	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Taichu	...	30.11	78.4	68	...	E	0	0	...	30.04	78.1	59	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tainan	...	30.09	78.4	70	...	N	2	0	...	29.95	78.0	81	...	N	...	...	...	...	...	...
Koehun	...	30.07	78.3	76	...	NE	4	bc	...	29.95	78.0	70	...	NNE	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pescadore	...	30.11	78.1	65	...	NNE	4	0	...	29.99	78.3	61	...	NNE	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hong Kong	14	30.04	78.0	62	7	E	4	0	6	30.11	78.2	80	7	BSE	3	0	...	...	...	...
Gap Rock	...	30.03	78.3	61	7	ENE	6	0	...	30.01	78.2	64	7	SNE	5	0	...	...	...	...
Macao	...	30.02	78.1	61	4	NNW	2	0	...	29.97	78.1	58	4	NNW	2	0	...	...	...	...
Hoihow	...	29.98	78.1	78	8	ENE	4	0	6	29.98	78.0	70	...	ENE	4	d	...	...	...	...
Prata Island	...	30.00	78.1	63	6	NE	2	0	7	30.02	78.2	59	0	NNE	1	dt	...	...	...	...
Phulien	...	29.94	78.0	63	2	NNW	2	bc	...	29.96	78.0	68	6	N	1	c	...	...	...	...
Tourane	...	29.88	78.7	79	8	E	6	b	...	29.87	78.8	75	6	ENE	4	f	...	...	...	...
Cape St. James	...	29.90	78.0	78	6	ESE	4	c	6	29.89	78.9	74	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Baco	14	29.89	78.3	77	6	E	4	0	...	29.89	78.9	72	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Apatti	...	29.83	78.7	86	4	...	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuguegarao	...	29.82	78.7	83	8	WNW	4	b	...	29.83	78.8	72	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vigan	...	29.82	78.7	83	8	E	4	0	...	29.83	78.8	72	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manila	...	29.83	78.7	83	8	NE	4	b	...	29.84	78.9	79	6	NE	4	b	...	...	...	...
Legaspi	...	29.83	78.7	83	8	NE	2	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Calbayog	...	29.83	78.7	83	8	NE	2	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tacloban	...	29.83	78.7	83	8	NE	4	0	...	29.81	78.7	78	6	N	4	0	...	...	...	...
Ililo	...	29.80	78.6	83	8	NE	4	b	...	29.80	78.7	77	6	ENE	4	0	...	...	...	...
Cebu	...	29.80	78.6	83	8	ENE	4	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Surigao	...	29.80	78.6	83	8	ENE	4	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Saipan	11.00	...	...	...	...	E	4	0	4.22	29.86	78.3	...	6	E	4	b	...	...	...	...
Guam	12.22	29.88	78.4	...	...	E	4	0	...	29.84	78.0	...	6	ENE	2	0	...	...	...	...
Yap	11.00	29.89	78.7	...	...	E	4	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Palau	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labuan	14	29.94	78.0	84	6	N	...	bc	6	29.90	78.4	74	1	NE	6	bc	...	...	...	...

March 18d. 10h. 48m.—The anticyclone has weakened. It is central over S. Korea, moving E.N.E. Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.01 inch. Total since January 1, 4.55 inches, against an average of 4.64 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON MARCH 19.

District	Forecast
A.—Shanghai to Turnabout	S.E. or variable winds, moderate; generally overcast, local rain.
B.—Turnabout to Hong Kong	
C.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock	
D.—Hong Kong to Hainan Straits	N.E. winds, moderate; fair to showery.
E.—North China Sea	

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, March '8.

	Previous Day	On Date	On Date
	at 4 p.m.	at 10 a.m.	at 4 p.m.
Barometer...	29.99	30.75	29.99
Temperature	62	61	68
Humidity...	74	82	84
Wind...	E	E	W
Direction	E	E	W
Force	4	3	5
Weather	0	0	OM
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.01

Highest open-air Temperature, 7.63
Lowest open-air Temperature, 18.60

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing Showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

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HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

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		HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER.	
Days of Week	Date of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.
Sat.	19	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
		08 10	4 1	01 20	0
		18 14	6 0	12 26	0
Sun.	20	08 10	4 5	02 10	0
		19 54	7 1	18 20	0
Mon	21	08 35	4 9	02 45	0
		02 45	5 2	14 10	0
Tues	22	09 43	5 2	03 20	0
		21 35	7 5	14 53	0
Wed.	23	10 10	6 5	05 08	0
		22 23	8 1	15 01	1
Thur.	24	10 38	6 1	04 34	0
		23 14	6 2	16 23	1
Fri.	25	11 10	6 2	04 55	1
		—	—	17 25	1

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Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Arrive
1932	1932	1932	1932	1932	1932	1932	1932
Emp. of Asia	Mar. 26	Mar. 29	Mar. 31	Apr. 2	Apr. 11	Apr. 11	Apr. 11
Emp. of Canada	Apr. 8	Apr. 11	Apr. 13	Apr. 15	Apr. 21	Apr. 21	Apr. 26
Emp. of Russia	Apr. 22	Apr. 25	Apr. 28	Apr. 30	May 6	May 6	May 9
Emp. of Japan	May 8	May 9	May 11	May 13	May 19	May 19	May 24
Emp. of Asia	May 20	May 23	May 26	May 28	June 4	June 4	June 10
Emp. of Canada	June 3	June 6	June 8	June 10	June 16	June 16	June 21
Emp. of Russia	June 17	June 20	June 23	June 25	July 1	July 1	July 4
Emp. of Japan	July 1	July 4	July 6	July 8	July 14	July 14	July 19

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HEIAN MARU ... Tuesday, 26th Apr.

LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM,
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KASHIMA MARU ... Saturday, 2nd Apr.

YASUKUNI MARU ... Saturday, 15th Apr.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports

ATSUTA MARU ... Saturday, 28th Mar.

KAMO MARU ... Saturday, 3rd Apr.

MANILA

TATSUTA MARU ... Thursday, 31st Mar.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo

TANGO MARU ... Sunday, 27th Mar.

TOKIWA MARU ... Tuesday, 12th Apr.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu

Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.

GINYO MARU ... Tuesday, 19th Apr.

NEW YORK, BOSTON via PANAMA.

TOBA MARU ... Monday, 11th Apr.

LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Beyrouth, Istanbul (Constantinople), Piraeus Genoa & Valencia

LIMA MARU ... Saturday, 18th Apr.

CAOUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

PENANG MARU ... Tuesday, 29th Mar.

HAKODATE MARU ... Thursday, 7th Apr.

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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Clearances,
Ships in Harbour, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 3,237 TONS;
THROUGH CARGO
9,008 TONS.

The returns, shown at the Harbour Office, of vessels carrying cargo to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were:—

Cargo for Through Ports.

British Suisang, Calcutta 488 2,008

Chakrang, Calcutta 263 226

Tsienan, Canton 1 1,300

Borneo, Saigon 2,900

Dutch Polydorus, Houston 1 334

Japanese Katori Maru, Yokohama 231 5,140

Chinese Stanley, Swabge 43 43

Total 3,237 9,008

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony, during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were:—

Suisang (Br.) Calcutta 184

Chakrang (Br.) Calcutta 28

Tsienan (Br.) Canton 43

Borneo (Br.) Saigon 83

Stanley (Chi.) Swabge 52

Total 390

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

The arrivals and departures during the 24 hours ending at 9 a.m. yesterday were:—

Arr. Dep.

British 4 5

Dutch 1 0

Norwegian 3 0

Japanese 1 2

Chinese 1 0

French 0 1

American 0 1

Total 10 9

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships were in port yesterday:—

Basin-Tamar.

North Wall-Whitshed, Seawow.

South Wall-Bruce.

East Wall-Herald, Pandora, Proteus.

North Arm-Cumberland.

West Wall-Hermes.

Dock-Keppel, Wren, Bridge-water.

Taiko Dock-Moth.

Buoy No. 2-Medway and Sub-marines.

Buoy No. 6-Devonshire.

Buoy No. 10-Parthian.

Buoy No. 13-Margion.

Foreign-French Minesweeper Inconstant.

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following merchant vessels were in port yesterday:—

Wharves

Kowloon-Emp. of Asia, Suisang, Pres. Jefferson.

O.S.K.-Hozan-Marui.

Douglas Lappraik-Haiyang, C.H. Riviere.

Saikong-Wing Wo.

Docks

Kowloon-Bremerhaven, Yuan Jeng, Linchow, Tonjer, Sui Tai, Seminaries.

Taiko-Chichibu Maru, Hydrangea, Sunning, Shantung, Taming, C. St. Francis, Linan, H.M.S. Moth, Illinois.

Carnopolitana-Kaipoi.

Buoys

No. A1-Tjingara.

No. A2-Katori Maru.

No. A3-Polydorus.

No. A4-Prosper.

No. A6-Rakuyo Maru.

No. A7-Taiping.

No. A13-Pronto.

No. B1-Suisang.

No. B2-Chakrang.

No. B3-Kweiyang.

No. B8-Chungkong.

No. B10-Kamona.

No. B11-Chong Lee.

No. B14-Kwangchow.

No. B16-Helios.

No. B17-Canton.

No. B18-Kwangtung.

No. B19-Seistan.

No. B20-Tsienan.

No. B21-Suiyang.

No. B23-Menado Maru.

No. B24-Kabugasan Maru.

No. B25-Bengloe.

No. C1-Borneo.

No. C2-Fingal.

No. C3-Tang Woo.

No. C4-Chutatch.

No. C5-Henrik.

ARRIVALS.

March 19.

Borneo, British str., 1,297 tons, Capt. R. A. Prichard, from Saigon, buoy No. C1-Hing Lee.

Chakrang, British str., 1,470 tons, Capt. J. McAnish, from Singapore, buoy No. B2-J.M. & Co.

Derry, Chinese str., 1,083 tons, Capt. J. Bruha, from Hongkong, Shamshui Anchorage-Chau Yue Tong.

Emp. of Asia, British str., 8,883 tons, Capt. Lovegrove, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf-C.P.R.

Hakone Maru, Japanese str., 8,307 tons, Capt. Y. Okuno, from Singapore, buoy No. A6-N.Y.K.

Honrik, Norwegian str., 761 tons, Capt. J. Jorgensen, from Canton, buoy No. C3-Kwang Mov Tai.

Kamo Maru, Japanese str., 4,336 tons, Capt. T. Takechi, from Manila, buoy No. A8-N.Y.K.

Katori Maru, Japanese str., 6,127 tons, Capt. M. Murakami, from Shanghai, buoy No. A2-N.Y.K.

Phasianella, British str., 383 tons, Capt. K. D. Binks, from Swatow, North Point Anchorage-A.P.C.

Polydorus, Dutch str., 3,813 tons, Capt. S. Henning, from Shanghai, buoy No. A3-B. & S.

Pres. Jefferson, American str., 8,443 tons, Capt. A. O. Lustie, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf-A.M.S.

Tai Lee, Chinese str., 1,044 tons, Capt. Masaki, from Dairen, buoy No. B6-Loong Tai Hong.

Tai Yin, Norwegian str., 3,881 tons, Capt. E. Bjones, from Manila, buoy No. A10-Dodwell & Co.

Tsienan, British str., 2,000 tons, Capt. W. Shaw, from Canton, buoy No. B30-B. & S.

Wilfred, Norwegian str., 3,044 tons, Capt. H. Homanen, from Canton, Stonecutters Anchorage-Dodwell & Co.

CLEARANCES.

March 18.

Canton, for Haiphong.

Chang Lee, for Tientsin.

Chihua, for Whampoa.

Eldon Park, for Whampoa.

Emp. of Asia, for Manila.

Kaipoi, for Amoy.

Kamo Maru, for Nagasaki.

Kwangtung, for Shanghai.

Haiyang, for Swatow.

Hakone Maru, for Kobe.

Menado Maru, for Hoihow.

Prosper, for Swatow.

Suisang, for Amoy.

Suiyang, for Swatow.

Taiping, for Manila.

Tjingara, for Amoy.

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"RAJPUTANA" 17,000 7th May Bombay, Marseilles and London.

"CHITRAL" 15,000 21st May Bombay, Marseilles and London.

"RANCHI" 17,000 4th June Bombay, Marseilles and London.

"BANGALORE" 6,500 11th June Bombay, Marseilles and London.

"NALDEBA" 16,000 18th June Bombay, Marseilles and London.

"KARAI-HIND" 12,000 22nd July B'way, Marseilles and London.

"BHUTAN" 6,000 9th July Bombay, Marseilles and London.

"RAJPUTANA" 17,000 16th July Bombay, Marseilles and London.

"MANPU" 11,000 30th Aug. Bombay, Marseilles and London.

"SOUDAN" 6,500 6th Aug. Bombay, Marseilles and London.

"RAWALPINDI" 17,000 13th Aug. Bombay, Marseilles and London.

"BANGALORE" 6,500 27th Aug. Marseilles and London.

"BURDWAN" 6,500 3rd Sept. Marseilles and London.

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